

# KOL קול עמי AMI

## There will be fireworks July 7!

There will fireworks when the Jewish community goes to the Elmira Pioneers game on Saturday, July 7! Of course we're not going to cause fireworks... the fireworks will be real fireworks, after the game against Team Canada.

The game at Dunn Field starts at 7:05 p.m. We'll meet inside near the concession stand. Tickets at the gate are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children and seniors, but free tickets will probably be available at offices of the Chemung Canal Trust Company, which—along with the Arnot Mall and Hilliard Corporation—is a sponsor of the game.

*Directions to Dunn Field:* From Water Street in Elmira, turn south on Madison and cross the bridge. At the traffic light, turn left onto Maple Avenue. Follow Maple to Luce Street. Turn left and continue to the stadium.

## Israeli violinist to play at the Clemens Center

Violinist Asi Matathias, accompanied on piano by Xixi Zhou, will perform at the Clemens Center in Elmira on Wednesday, August 1, in the Endless Mountain Music Festival. He will join the Jewish community in a reception after the recital.

Still in his twenties, Matathias is recognized as one of the foremost talents of his generation. He made his debut at the age of fourteen with the Israel Philharmonic under the baton of Zubin Mehta, and has since played in festivals such as Jerusalem International Chamber Music Festival, the Con Anima Festival in Austria, the Vienna Bezirk Wochen Festspiele, and the Israel Festival.

He started playing the violin at age six. In Israel, he studied with Chaim Taub, and later on at the Universität für Musik und Darstellende Kunst in Vienna as the youngest student ever enrolled. He then earned degrees from the Manhattan School of Music, where he was a student of Pinchas Zukerman.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. and is free. It's sponsored by Elm Chevrolet and the Chemung Canal Trust Company, with additional support from the JCF. It's the only Endless Mountain Festival concert this year in Elmira.



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Jewish Community School

## July–August 2018

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## Havdalah at the Lake set for August 4

Come and join us for some recreation and relaxation at the annual Havdalah at the Lake! Everyone is invited to John and Liz Goldman's cottage at Cayuta Lake on Saturday, August 4, beginning at 3:00 to swim, water ski, tube, sail, kayak, cruise, or just watch the water from the deck.

Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. Main course and drinks will be provided; please bring a dish to share. RSVP by

July 30 to the CKA office, (607) 732-7410, is requested.

*Directions:* SR 13 north toward Ithaca; turn left at light onto SR 224 toward Odessa; turn right onto SR 228, at "T" stop turn left, still on 228; pass Fontainebleau; pass Kayuta Lake House Road; approximately 1/8 mile turn right at "2858" sign with a boat and water skier on the post; bear left at fork in driveway; cottage is at bot-

tom of hill. Or from SR 14 north toward Watkins Glen: turn right at light onto SR 224 toward Odessa and follow as above.

*Address:* 2858 Shepard Rd., Alpine, NY. Call (607) 594-2769 if you have trouble finding it.

Shabbat services on August 3–4 will be at the usual times: Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 8:00 a.m., and Saturday at 9:30 a.m.



from President Mike Lenzner

I am in a *great* mood! I waited until after the Annual Meeting to write this article (sorry Fran) and I am pleased to report that the meeting went very well.

We went over our budget, our reports, and our plans before we handed out the Herman Salsburg Awards and dedicated the Braunstein Community Room.

So if that wasn't good enough: Everyone laughed at my jokes! Not my jokes, per se... they bombed (for example, the early bird gets the worm but it's the second mouse who gets the cheese), but my "one-liners". I am going to *totally change the way I write my jokes* for these articles – Stay tuned for August! [Editor's Note: Whoopee!]

So getting back to the Annual Meeting: Attendance at the meeting was good – but not as good as I would have expected given the phone call initiative we conducted prior to the meeting. We called every member to personally invite you to this very important event. In the end, 55 people attended.

For those of you didn't attend, a few highlights:

- An outstanding breakfast buffet (including lox) and then a raucous introduction by yours truly, followed by the announcement of the Board nominees (Marietta Zaborsky, Chris Seymour, Malachi Doane, and Adam Zaborsky) who were all successfully elected.

- Wonderful committee reports from Sisterhood, Ritual, House, Security, and School.
- A Budget report where it was communicated that we will have a deficit of \$8,000 this year. It was also projected that we would have an \$8,000 deficit next year. The general consensus from the budget is that the most important thing we have to do is cut our costs.

Next came the President's Speech. I kept this serious and explained that although fiscal responsibility is critical, we have to invest in our future. Are you aware that more than half of our members are retired? How are we going to continue to be viable if we don't start attracting the future generations? We have lots of ideas.

The first three ideas are already under construction. Chris Seymour signed us up for a program called "Flip Give" which is an easy way to help the Congregation earn money when our members shop online. We'll be communicating this more in this edition of the Kol Ami.

The second idea is our summer fundraiser, a "Block Party" to occur on July 29 – we're going to close down one of the streets, have children's games, a bouncy house, fire-truck and chicken barbecue.

The third idea is "The Wonder Ball" – it's called this because it is a wonder how we will set it up so that it is impossible to lose! Much more

detail to come but save the date, October 20, and be prepared for the opportunity to win an expense-paid four-night vacation to Club Wyndham in Orlando Florida (courtesy of Zsuzsi Kadar)!

The Herman Salsburg Awards. I selected Ellen Wohl and Clay Granoff as very worthy recipients. They were both touched and appreciative. I am so glad we selected them because they are both leaving our community shortly (Ellen to be with family in Seattle, Clay to a "place to be named later") so this would have been our last chance to honor them. (Did you know that Clay met Albert Einstein at Einstein's house when he was younger?)

The Braunstein Community Room Dedication. What a nice event – as I said in last month's article, this will truly be a venue that can be used over the next generations (so long as we do what we have to do so there are next generations). To have contributed so generously, we showed our appreciation to the Braunstein, Stemerman and JCF families. In case you were wondering, Ed gave a speech. Marc didn't. We gave applause on multiple occasions and I believe we were successful in demonstrating our genuine appreciation.

Overall, an outstanding time had by most and... I hope at our next events, all of us will participate. We need to make our events *happenings!* Thanks.

## Bar Mitzvah

Please join Jill & Robert White on Saturday, August 11, at 10:00 a.m., as their son Joshua is called to the bimah as a Bar Mitzvah. You are cordially invited to join them for a luncheon following the service.

## Siddur orientation July 15

Congregation Kol Ami's new *siddur* arrived in June and was used at Shabbat services on June 29 and 30. Designed by Marc Rubin, it's smaller and easier to handle than the interim edition, and it has hard covers.

Please try it out at services, and join Rabbi Oren Steinitz for an introduction to the new edition on Sunday, July 15, at 11:00 a.m.

from Rabbi Oren Steinitz



One of the most severe transgressions mentioned in the Torah, one that is considered irreparable, is *Hilul HaShem* – the desecration of God’s Name. This prohibition first appears in the book of Leviticus, where it is said: “And you shall not profane My holy name; but I will be hallowed among the children of Israel; I am the Eternal who hallow you” (22:32).

This prohibition, which is emphasized numerous times in the Prophets, the Talmud and Codes of Jewish Law, essentially refers to a situation in which people who are perceived as representatives of Judaism or the Jewish People, publicly perform immoral or unethical deeds. By doing so, the commentators explain, they are devaluing Judaism and, as a result, devalue God. Maimonides goes so far as to say that a rabbi, or Jewish scholar, must be particularly diligent in their public behavior, and refrain even from deeds that are actually permitted, but may appear unethical to the general public.

This week (June 13), the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations in America (often known as the OU), honored Attorney General Jeff Sessions with an award, after he instituted the policy of separating illegal

immigrants from their children. Adding insult to injury, Sessions was awarded with a certificate that read Tzedek Tzedek Tirdof – “Justice, justice you shall pursue” (Deuteronomy 17:20). The Orthodox Union, which represents the self-defined “centrist” Orthodox Jews (which amount to maybe seven or eight percent of the American Jewish population), is also the largest kosher-certification agency in the world. Even if you do not keep kosher in any way, chances are that the majority of the products found in your kitchen are certified kosher by the OU. In other words, this is an organization that all of us fund, and even more so if you personally keep kosher. When such a powerful Jewish organization essentially celebrates a man responsible for such inhumane, despicable acts – this is the very definition of *Hilul HaShem*.

Please do not get me wrong. I am not talking about the administration’s immigration policy. The debate over immigration is an important one that is far from simple. Both sides present strong and ethical arguments, and both sides can find very good support for their positions in our faith tradition (and, of course, other traditions as well). This is an

argument that every country should have. However, even if you completely agree with the administration’s tough immigration policies, I certainly hope that ripping 1358 children from their families (to date) in order to deter immigrants from crossing the border, is simply indefensible. British newspaper the Independent reported that immigration officials are telling parents that they are taking their children away for a bath, only to never return with them. I cannot fathom how any Jew – let alone the organization that time and again claims to be the only authentic representative of Judaism in America – can remain indifferent to such pure evil. Such actions are too reminiscent of similar ones in our own particular history.

Several months ago, I had the honor of attending a lecture by Rabbi Shai Held, one of the most prominent voices in the contemporary Jewish social action movement. In his talk, Rabbi Held said that his biggest fear is that religion makes good people better, and bad people worse. This week, the OU confirmed Rabbi Held’s fear.

May God have mercy on all of us.

### Shabbat Services

except as noted below

Shabbat Evening Service	7:30 PM	
Shabbat Morning Service	8:00 AM	
Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 AM	with Torah reading

### Noteworthy Upcoming Religious Observances

#### Friday, July 20

Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 PM

#### Friday, August 3

Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 PM

#### Saturday, July 21

Shabbat Morning Service 8:00 AM  
Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 AM  
Tisha b’Av Service 9:00 PM

#### Saturday, August 4

Shabbat Morning Service 8:00 AM  
Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 AM  
Havdalah at the Lake 3:00 PM  
Dinner 6:00 PM

#### 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.

# CKA Donations

## Flowers for the Bimah

- ✧ July 20: In memory of Marvin Rubin by Geoff Rubin and family
- ✧ July 27: In honor of the Shabbat by John & Joanne Travers
- ✧ August 10: In memory of Burt Hesselson by Harriet Hesselson and family

## Congregational Education Fund

- ✧ In memory of Gertrude Metz by Linda Fox

## General Fund

- ✧ In memory of Louise Ogrinc by Doris & David Siskin
- ✧ In memory of Stuart Komer by Gail & Ron Check

- ✧ In memory of Stuart Komer by Dena Komer
- ✧ In memory of Stuart Komer by Ilene Komer
- ✧ In memory of Stuart Komer by Ann Opperthausen
- ✧ In memory of Edwin Shapero by Carole Hoffman
- ✧ In memory of Shirley Lenhardt by Terry & Marcia Lenhardt
- ✧ In memory of Edith Erway by Gail & Richard Gerard
- ✧ In memory of Philip Gerard by Richard & Gail Gerard

## Jerome & Etkind Library Fund

- ✧ In memory of Samuel Horwitz by Leon Horwitz

## Kate Stein Music Fund

- ✧ In memory of Abraham Wladis by Beth Wladis

## Marvin & Shirley Rubin Scholarship Fund

- ✧ In memory of Murray Werner
- ✧ In memory of Sydell Stern by Richard & Andra Frank

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- ✧ In memory of Lewis Beckwith by Scott Moore & Sharon Sitrin-Moore
- ✧ In appreciation by Herman Liebson

# Anniversaries

## July

JoAnn and Ted Lax  
Sheryl and Lester Rosenbloom  
Michelle and Michael Halperin  
Svetlana & Ralph Short  
Zsuzsana & Kenneth Kadar  
Diane & Larry Berman  
Sheila & Les Rachlin

## August

Andrea & Jeff Rubin  
Harriet and Gil Sweet  
Suzanne & Tom Hesselson  
Jill & Robert White  
Michelle & Herman Berliss  
Myra & Jerry Stemerman  
Anita & Lee Adelsberg  
Debra Chesman & Martin Hempstead  
Maria and Ted Goldwyn  
Gail and Richard Gerard  
Susan and Michael German  
Sharon and Scott Moore  
Andra and Richard Frank

# Birthdays

## July

Alexander Massey  
Tom Hesselson  
Ronald Friedman  
Judy Komer  
Larry Berman  
Lauren Cohen  
Stephen Ezra Kadar  
James Gray  
Jennifer Falek  
Matthew Lloyd  
Sharon Sporn  
Susan King  
Jeremy Koob  
Avram Liebson  
Miriam Jacobson  
Lennon Rubin  
Michael German  
Julian Koob  
Erica Rosenberg  
Lucas Lax  
Andra Frank  
Rachel Gifeisman  
Max Miller  
Melissa Novack  
Mindy Gaieski  
Eileen Semel  
Annie Werner  
Sheila Katz  
Marilyn Rabinowitz  
Haskell Rubin  
Sloane Sigel

## Brian Short

Christopher Seymour  
Anders M. Korn

## August

Emily Dobbs  
Ari Salsburg  
Maureen Gladke  
Phyllis Holtgrewe  
Eytan Steinitz  
Susan Messing  
Doug Holtgrewe  
Madison Kravitz  
Hilde Robbins  
Larry Cohen  
Peri Donner  
Richard Savin  
Ed Braunstein  
David Greenberg  
Dr. Gilbert Sweet  
Dr. Robert Douenias  
Rachelle Lerner  
Kathy Cohen  
Floriatt Herman  
Trudi Porter  
Eva Kadar  
Leslie Rachlin  
Shannon Stemerman  
Andrew Rachlin  
Mitchell Goldwater

# Jewish Center and Federation



*from President Marcus Kantz*

About a month ago, on our way home from an appointment at the U of R, Charlotte and I had lunch at Balsam Bagels, a marvelous breakfast and lunch place in Brighton, not far from the U of R. We went there because it is owned and operated by the son of Lea Malek, who was the speaker at this year's Spiegler Holocaust program. Lea told me about the restaurant on our drive from her home to Corning for the lecture, and then, as I dropped her off at the Radisson afterward, she essentially ordered me to go there someday for lunch. I try to follow direct orders when I can.

But why was I doing all of this schlepping? Because I'm on the committee in charge of the lectures. And how did I get on the committee? Not because the Spiegler's were my parents' best friends and Johnny signed our *ketubah* (though that would have been reason enough). It was because I'm the President of the JCF. The same reason I'm writing this little article. Who knew this job had so many perks?

But back to Balsam Bagels. Getting along in this world, and having a good time at it, requires connections. Some connections show up on your doorstep, while others need to be sought out. And then they need to be nurtured by giving as well as

you get. Or, put another way, you'll get out of your connections in proportion to what you put into them. So out of my JCF connection to the committee, and my volunteering to do the schlepping, I got to spend hours with a truly fascinating and amazing woman who now devotes her retirement to giving back to the world the life that was given to her by the people who helped her as a young child to avoid death in the camps. Along the way I learned about the restaurant that she started and ran, and the one which her son started, and where Charlotte and I enjoyed truly delicious bagels, and met the son and talked with him a little about his mother. And by the way, I recommend it highly to you, just Google it. Now you can give back a little by giving Balsam Bagels some business when you're in that vicinity. And they have very cool t-shirts, sweatshirts and hats.

In our little corner of the world, useful and fruitful connections don't seem to be as easy to collect as they are elsewhere, or were in times gone by. But I have a secret for you, and don't tell anyone 'cause then they may steal the secret and use it to *their* advantage. The secret is that we have organizations here that exist almost exclusively for that purpose. The Congregation, the Sisterhood,

and the JCF exist in large part to foster the care and feeding of the Twin Tiers Jewish community, not in the physical sense but in the human interactive sense. These organizations exist to bring people together so that they might do things together, think and plan together, raise money together, spend money together for their collective good, and, frankly, to facilitate this togetherness. Of course the organizations encase this in the accomplishment of certain goals and missions and purposes, which is fitting, proper and necessary. But don't let the trappings fool you. I believe that what they're really about is *us*. And for us to prosper, we need those human connections, and that's just what the organizations provide.

So, enjoy your summers. Do what you've been longing to do during that elongated winter. Travel, or stay at home. But don't forget to keep nurturing those connections that the organizations have provided just for you, so that when you come back around the time of the High Holy Days, you'll be ready to dig in and work on those connections through the organizations. I look forward to digging in there with you.

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## July film is mysterious coming-of-age tale

The JCF's film for July, *The Matchmaker*, is a coming-of-age story from Israel with mysterious overtones.

It's set in 1968, featuring a teenage boy named Arik who takes a summer job with a sad Holocaust survivor who happens to be a *shadchan* (matchmaker, marriage broker). Arik's job is to do background checks, and in the process he is drawn into the lives of the people he meets.

The screenplay is based on a novel by Amir Gutfreund; it's not related



to the play of the same title that was the basis for *Hello, Dolly*.

The film premiered as an official selection at the 2010 Toronto International Film Festival and later that year won the Silver Plaque award at

the Chicago International Film Festival. It received seven nominations for Israel's Ophir Awards in 2010, including Best Picture, where Adir Miller (as Yankel Braiyd, the matchmaker of the title) also won in the Best Actor category and Maya Dagan (as Clara, another survivor, who runs illegal card games) won in the Best Actress category.

It's in Hebrew with English subtitles. We'll see it on Tuesday, July 10, at 7:00 p.m.

from Executive Director Paul Solyn



If there's anything that can definitely be said about the Supreme Court's decision in the *Masterpiece Cakeshop* case, it's that no one is sure what it will turn out to mean.

On the surface, Justice Kennedy's majority opinion is clear, and it says nothing about the actual law in Colorado. Instead, he and the other justices who joined his opinion found that the Colorado Civil Rights Commission had acted out of bias against religion. What the outcome would have been if the commission had acted neutrally toward religion remains unknown.

In other words, the law under which the original complaint against the bakery was brought remains in effect.

That hasn't kept business owners who, for whatever reason, want to discriminate from doing so. We've seen a few photographs of businesses where "No Gays" signs were put up as soon as the decision was announced.

The particular case raised issues that deserve adjudication, but didn't receive it: first, whether an artist can

refuse a commission on religious or philosophical grounds, and second, whether cake decorating qualifies as sufficiently artistic to count.

Creating art is exceedingly personal, and I think that there needs to be some room for artists to refuse work that violates their principles. For example, a devout Jewish or Christian sculptor might (properly, I think) decline a commission to make a sculpture of a Hindu god.

I am not as convinced that decorating a cake always rises to that level. It depends on the cake. Bakeries have been upheld in refusing to write hate messages on cakes, provided that they would have made a similar cake for the same customer without the hate message.

Justice Ginsburg's dissent states, "When a couple contacts a bakery for a wedding cake, the product they are seeking is a cake celebrating their wedding—not a cake celebrating heterosexual weddings or same-sex weddings—and that is the service Craig and Mullins were denied." As she saw it, the refusal was based on the identities of the customers,

not the cake itself.

You might say, "It's just a cake." Those who support the cake shop argued that, if the baker were required to provide the cake, it would lead to requiring clergy to officiate at weddings that violated the beliefs of their religions. The difference, however, is that a wedding officiant is a participant in the ceremony; the cake baker isn't.

A few people raised the old argument that anti-discrimination laws could require a kosher butcher to sell pork. That's a specious, almost ridiculous, argument. What anti-discrimination laws require is that the kosher butcher sell kosher meat to anyone who wants to buy it, even if the customer is the wrong kind of Jew or not Jewish at all.

Because the underlying law remains in force, it's theoretically possible that the case could be refiled. I don't think that's likely to happen, but you never know.

I do predict that we'll see many more attempts to refuse service based on religious belief. I hope and pray that very few of them succeed.

## Visit the John W. Jones Museum on July 15

Please join the JCF for a tour of the John W. Jones Museum on Sunday, July 15, at 2:00 p.m. The Museum, at 1250 Davis Street across from Woodlawn Cemetery, highlights the career of John Jones as an agent of the Underground Railroad and as the sexton of Woodlawn Cemetery, plus the history of African Americans who settled in New York and the activity of local abolitionists. It emphasizes Elmira's role as the only regular agency and published station on the Underground Railroad between Philadelphia and Cananda.

John W. Jones became an active agent in the Underground Railroad in 1851. He made an arrangement



with Northern Central Railroad employees to hide the fugitives in the 4:00 "Freedom Baggage Car," directly to Niagara Falls via Watkins Glen and Canandaigua. Most of the "baggage" eventually landed in St. Catharines, Ontario. By 1860, Jones aided in the escape of 800 runaway slaves. He usually

received the fugitives in parties of six to ten, but there were times he found shelter for up to 30 men, women, and children a night. Of those 800, none were captured or returned to the South.

Jones became the sexton for Woodlawn Cemetery in 1859. One of his primary roles was to bury each deceased Confederate soldier from

the Elmira Prison Camp. Of the 2,973 prisoners whom Jones buried, only seven are listed as unknown. Among those he buried were Jewish Confederate soldiers whose names are in Congregation Kol Ami's yearzeit lists.

The house was the private residence of John W. Jones and his family. It changed ownership several times, and was condemned in 1997. Concerned citizens, including Dr. Edward Grandt, saved it from demolition and restored it, opening the Museum in 2016.

The Museum can accommodate only 10 participants per tour, so reservations are essential. Please call the JCF office at (607) 734-8122. If the number in our group is larger, we'll request additional tours or schedule additional dates.

## Streit's Matzo and the American Dream

# August film screening features the scholar who helped to make it

Dr. Elissa Sampson of Cornell University will join us on Thursday, August 23, at 7:30 p.m. for the screening of a film that she had a part in making: *Streit's Matzo and the American Dream*.

In the heart of New York's Lower East Side stood four tenement buildings that housed the Streit's Matzo factory since 1925.

An iconic New York institution and a fifth-generation family business, the Streit's factory and the Streit family itself have long held firmly to tradition, churning flour and water into matzos through ovens as old as the factory itself.

Though the factory seemed a cen-

tury removed from the world around it, even Streit's was not immune from the forces that challenge manufacturing and family businesses everywhere. In a rapidly gentrifying Lower East Side, where kosher butchers and grocers gave way to high-end restaurants, bars and apartments, Streit's finally closed its doors after 90 years.

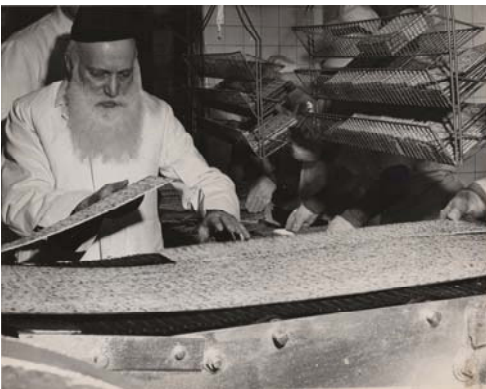
Chronicling the family legacy, *Streit's Matzo and the American Dream* is a story of tradition, of resistance and resilience, and a celebration of a family whose commitment to their heritage and to their employees is inspiring proof that the family that bakes together stays together.

Dr. Sampson, a visiting scholar in the Jewish Studies program at Cornell, was a consultant on the film. She is an urban geographer who studies how the past is actively used to create new spaces of migration, memory, heritage and activism. Her life-long interest in Jewish migration, re-diasporization and culture had been pursued in the Lower East Side, Brooklyn, Jerusalem, London and Paris. In 2017 she was honored as a Lower East Side Community



Hero as part of the Lower East Side History Month celebration in New York City.

The presentation is in conjunction with the "At the Jewish Table: Food, Family, and Heritage in Elmira" exhibit at the Chemung Valley History Museum, which is funded by the New York State Council on the Arts.



## JCF Donations

### Kurt Wohl Memorial Food Drive

- ✧ Anonymous
- ✧ Anita & Lee Adelsberg
- ✧ Elizabeth & John Walton
- ✧ Felicia & Richard Poes
- ✧ Doris & David Siskin
- ✧ Marcia & James Weber
- ✧ Annie Werner
- ✧ Rosalyn Wladis

### Community Kitchen

- ✧ Suzanne & Tom Hesselson
- ✧ Anita & Lee Adelsberg
- In honor of Mort Sadinsky's receiving the Amud Ha-Chevrah Award*
- ✧ Myra & Jerry Stemerman & Family
- ✧ Paul Solyn

### JCF Membership

#### Member

- ✧ Anonymous
- ✧ Terri Dobbs
- ✧ Faith & James Gray
- ✧ Marc Hample
- ✧ D. Chesman & M. Hempstead
- ✧ Marianne & Lenard Hirshman
- ✧ Cynthia Huling Hummel
- ✧ Lisa Goldberg
- ✧ Lee S. Kosow
- ✧ Barb Luther
- ✧ Cynthia & John Massey
- ✧ Judy Prentice
- ✧ Hilde & Herb Robbins
- ✧ Morton Sadinsky
- ✧ Drs. Amanda Sharp & Steven Greenberg

### Benefactor

- ✧ Anita Adelsberg
- ✧ Elizabeth Walton & John Goldman
- ✧ Marjorie Hamilton
- ✧ Linda Sichel Ralph
- ✧ Ann & Jeffrey Sigel
- ✧ Annie Werner

### Bronze Magen David

- ✧ Rosalyn & Richard DuBois
- ✧ Gloria & Ron Friedman
- ✧ Hon. & Mrs. Sidney S. Graubard
- ✧ Suzanne & Tom Hesselson
- ✧ Linda Kaufman
- ✧ Harriet & Gil Sweet

### Silver Magen David

- ✧ Charlotte & Marcus Kantz

# Yahrzeits

July	Tammuz	July	Av	30	August	Elul
2 Henry Gladke	19	13 Ceral Goodman	1	30 Adolph Kahn		18
2 Hyman Krill	19	13 Harry B. Schwartz	1	30 Barbara A. Glantz		18
2 Selma Sittenfield	19	13 Kathryn Berlovich	1	31 Elias B. Freudenheim		19
3 Ann Lebowitz	20	14 Fannie Winnick	2	31 Geraldine Siskin		19
3 Jacob Novidor	20	14 Henrietta Gutman	2	31 Minnie Zeman		19
3 Joseph Abraham Jacobson	20	14 Jack Passer	2	31 Phillip Shapiro		19
3 Louis Rubin	20	15 Barney Siegel	3			
3 Sadie Harris	20	15 Johanna Johnson Vassall	3	2 Esther Friedman		21
3 Sidney Dresden	20	16 Abraham Simon	4	2 Milton Firestone		21
4 Florence Seltzer	21	16 Harold Goldberg	4	2 Sarah M. Rubin		21
4 Martin Kramer	21	16 Miriam Wladis	4	2 Victor Hereng		21
4 Max Etkind	21	17 Miriam Jacobson	5	3 Irene Shreibman		22
4 Millicent Simon	21	17 Rose Kahn	5	3 Lawrence A. Portnoff		22
4 Myer Sherer	21	18 Phillip Goldberg	6	3 Quenton R. Chaffee		22
5 Anne Etkind	22	19 Ethel Hofrichter	7	4 Reuben Simon		23
5 Herbert Yanofsky	22	19 Gussie Novidor	7	5 Jack Lavine		24
5 Jean Rasowsky	22	19 Donna Peffer	7	5 Melvin Berman		24
5 Louis Dann	22	19 Moses Rosenfield	7	6 Simon Siskin		25
5 Rebecca Kornfeld	22	20 Barbara Seymour	8	7 Dora Frank		26
6 Abraham Kaufman	23	20 Harry Michlosky	8	7 Esther Henry		26
6 Samuel Horwitz	23	20 Herbert Schindler	8	7 Louis Kaplan		26
6 Susan Herbst	23	20 Rebecca Cohen	8	8 Bobby Lovitch		27
7 Barbara Seymour	24	20 Zeev Streimer	8	8 Rose Sherer		27
7 Belle Passer	24	21 Brian S. Krill	9	9 Murray J. Werner		28
7 Issac Jr Slohm	24	21 Fannie Snowiss	9	9 Victor Danhi		28
7 Samuel Ginsburg	24	21 Marvin Rubin	9	10 Samuel Fish		29
8 Max Tondow	25	22 Bernard H. Jacobs	10	10 Zelda Chernosky		29
8 Nathan Golos	25	22 Bernice Tarshus	10	11 Anne Hesselson		30
8 Saul Rosenberg	25	22 Lawik Pisetzner	10	11 Burt Hesselson		30
8 Sol Baker	25	22 Leah T. Sittenfield	10	11 Dorothy Adelsberg		30
9 Bertha Rosengarden	26	23 Estelle Schwartz	11	11 Lillie Rubinstein		30
9 Beverly B. Braunstein	26	23 Helen Schulman	11			
9 Charles Malick	26	23 Lafayette H. Rosenbloom	11	<b>August</b>	<b>Elul</b>	
9 Cherna Sadinsky	26	23 Rose Robbins	11	12 Charles M. Rockman		1
9 Miriam Breskin	26	24 Aaron Schooler	12	12 Gustave Wladis		1
9 Rose Sitrin	26	24 David Kaplow	12	12 John Spiegler		1
10 Beatrice Novidor	27	24 Jacob Solomon	12	12 Mary Schecter		1
10 David Sorin	27	24 Lillian R. Goldsmith	12	12 Milton R. Wexler		1
10 Henry J. Gladke	27	24 Louis Featherman	12	12 Serene Weinstock		1
10 Ida Kaplow	27	24 Morris Dreyfuss	12	14 Polly Etkind Hochbeg		3
10 Jacques Schooler	27	24 Milton Simon	12	15 Benjamin Botnick		4
10 Samuel B. Cohen	27	24 Samuel Rosenberg	12	15 Bessie Kaplan		4
10 Terri Lois Cohen	27	25 Evelyn Linchuck	13	15 Dr. F. Martin Stern		4
11 Ida Stein	28	25 Fannie Messing	13	15 Fanny Ziff		4
11 Leon Fisher	28	26 Henry Tarshus	14	15 Flora Plotkin Sherman		4
11 Minnie R. Sammet	28	26 Sanford L. Barcus	14	15 Frances S. Weil		4
11 Sarah Hagan	28	26 Shirley Green	14	15 Martin Stern		4
12 Arnold Jerome	29	27 Helene Mindell	15	16 Myrtle Green		5
12 Bernard Cohen	29	28 Emma Sactor	16	17 Shirley Sandler		6
12 Mindel Stemerman	29	28 Hannah W. Blowstein	16	18 Daniel Ferguson		7
12 Noman Jacob Wiener	29	28 Hyman Kaplan	16	18 Frances Aul Braude		7
12 Rosa Slohm	29	28 Walter Patterson	16	18 Glazer Sidney		7
12 Ruth Schecter	29	29 Ellery Herman	17	18 Lena Pierce		7
12 Susan Herbst	29	29 Frederic V. Shear	17	19 Dorothy R. Winer		8
12 Zayne Leveen	29	29 Max Freeman	17			

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# Yahrzeits

19	Dr. Harold Diner	8
19	Esther Herman	8
19	Helen Schwalb	8
20	Alvin Francis Braude	9
20	Barbara Schecter	9
20	Chris Alimonti	9
20	Bennie E. Golos	9
21	Esther Cropp	10
21	Eugene Weinstein	10
21	Irving Etkind	10
21	Irving Leavy	10
21	Joan Jones	10
22	Helen Rockman Grasberg	11
23	Bert Delphinus	12
23	Elick Botnick	12
24	Harold Horwitz	13
24	Lillian Samuels	13
24	Pauline Siskin	13
24	Philip H. Cohen	13
25	Anne E. Shulman	14
25	Bertram Solomon	14
25	Jeffrey Etkind,	14
25	Sarah B. Leibowitz	14
25	Steven Novack	14
26	Anna Holtzman	15
26	David Etkind	15
26	Dr. Milton Goldsmith	15
26	Marc "Skip" Plitt	15
26	Minnie Berlin	15
26	Sadie Chaitt	15
27	Flora Goodsite Cohen	16
27	Florence Samuels	16
27	William Baker	16
28	Ernest Friedman	17
28	Jean Hass	17
28	Moses D. Wladis	17
29	Ida Shapiro	18
29	Myer Kaplan	18
30	Helen B. Baker	19
30	Joanne R. Winer	19
30	Sara Bloch	19
31	Celia Shulman	20
31	Hannah Hoffman	20
31	Pauline Reingold	20

*Names of Confederate soldiers buried in Woodlawn National Cemetery are included above.*

## 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.



**Everyone wins!**

# FlipGive

**Rabbi Oren Steinitz**  
 Friday Evening Services  
 7:30 PM  
 Saturday Morning Service  
 8:00 & 9:00 AM



**FlipGive is CKA's new fundraising tool.**

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## 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 July 5 and August 2. If you can help, please 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.

## Membership Book

The CKA Office is getting ready to update the 2018–2019 Membership Book. Please send the following information to the office by July 18:  
*Name, Postal Address, Home Telephone Number, Cell Telephone Number(s), Email Address(es).*  
 If you do not want your cell number or email listed, please state this.

# Jewish Community School



*from Director Jeff Rosenheck*

I can't believe that the 5778 school year has come to an end and that the planning process for the 5779/2018–19 JCS year is well underway. The end of the 5778 year was marked by two very special events - a trip to Philadelphia, Washington and Baltimore, and a very touching closing ceremony, held on June 10, 2018.

Over the first weekend of June, we had the distinct pleasure of taking students from the seventh, eight and ninth grade classes to a journey into Judaism by visiting three cities—Philadelphia, PA; Washington DC; and Baltimore, MD. The students had an opportunity to see three important Jewish museums: the National Museum of American Jewish History, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and the Jewish Museum of Baltimore. Students had the opportunity to explore Jewish history and immigration, witness the horrors of the Holocaust, and see artifacts and historic synagogues. In addition, the students were able to experience Kosher restaurants, eating such things as matzoh ball soup, falafel, Israeli salad, and other delicious items. The students also had an opportunity to visit some American icons, including the FDR Memo-

rial, the MLK Memorial Monument, the Liberty Bell, Benjamin Franklin's grave site, the National Air and Space Museum, and Independence Hall. A special thanks goes to the Jewish Community School and the Congregation Kol Ami boards for providing financial assistance for the trip.

June 10 marked the closing ceremonies of the 5778 school year, topped off with an ice cream social. The event recognized several students for commendable attendance, as well as students Jonah Goldwyn, Ben Levi, Calvin Rosenheck, and Eytan Steinitz for completing their service requirements in 5778. The ceremony also recognized the 5778 faculty and staff, school board, teaching assistants, and featured a special presentation by several school students. A huge thanks to the entire community for another successful year.

The 5779 school year will begin with an opening ceremony on Sunday, September 9, at 9:30 a.m. in the main sanctuary. Registration forms will be mailed to families prior to August 1, and we ask that all registrations please attempt to be returned by September 1. Anyone that does not receive a registration form

by August 1, should call the JCF Office at 607-734-8122. This school year will feature numerous changes, especially a time change. Beginning September 9, school will run from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sundays, instead of 9:00 to 12:15. It is our hope that the change will be beneficial to all involved.

Although I want to wait to address other major, but positive changes to the 5779 school year, I would like to take a moment to thank Gil Sweet and the members of the Baker Fund Committee for granting us \$1600.00 for use in the development of a new Hebrew program, which will include classroom technology and new curriculum. The program will be an amazing addition to our school, and it is made possible by this committee. Thank you again to Gil and the team for making this a reality.

I wish everyone a very safe and happy summer 2018. Please stay cool, stay hydrated, and remember to study your Hebrew, at least once in a while. I am looking forward to seeing everyone on September 9 for an incredible 5779 school year!

## Weekly Torah/Haftarah Portions & Candle Lighting

<p><b>July 6–7</b> 8:28 PM <i>Pinchas</i> Torah Numbers 25:10–30:1 Pr. Jeremiah 1:1–2:3</p>	<p><b>July 13–14</b> 8:25 PM <i>Matot–Masei</i> Torah Numbers 30:2–36:13 Pr. Jeremiah 2:4–28, 3:4</p>	<p><b>July 20–21</b> 8:20 PM <i>Devarim</i> Torah Deuteronomy 1:1–3:22 Pr. Isaiah 1:1–27</p>	<p><b>July 27–28</b> 8:14 PM <i>Vaetchanan</i> Torah Deuteronomy 3:23–7:11 Pr. Isaiah 40:1–26</p>	
<p><b>August 3–4</b> 8:06 PM <i>Ekev</i> Torah Deuteronomy 7:1–11:25 Pr. Isaiah 49:14–51:3</p>	<p><b>August 10–11</b> 7:57 PM <i>Re'eh</i> Torah Deuteronomy 11:26–16:17 Pr. Numbers 28:9–15</p>	<p><b>August 17–18</b> 7:47 PM <i>Shoftim</i> Torah Deuteronomy 16:18–21:9 Pr. Isaiah 51:12–52:12</p>	<p><b>August 24–25</b> 7:36 PM <i>Ki Tetze</i> Torah Deuteronomy 21:10–25:19 Pr. Isaiah 54:1–10</p>	
<p><b>August 31–September 1</b> 7:25 PM <i>Ki Tavo</i> Torah Deuteronomy 26:1–29:8 Pr. Isaiah 60:1–22</p>				



# CONGREGATION KOL AMI 2017-2018 Book of Remembrance

At Yizkor,  
on Yom Kippur, on Sh'mini Atzeret, on the last day of Pesach and on Shavu'ot,  
we gather to remember our loved ones.

One way to honor their memory is to write their names in our  
CONGREGATIONAL BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE.

This may be done in ONE OF THREE WAYS (please check 1, 2, or 3):

→ 1.  Please list the names of my loved ones as they appeared in last year's Book Of Remembrance.

or

→ 2.  Please list the names of my loved ones exactly as I have listed them below.

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| a. _____ | f. _____ |
| b. _____ | g. _____ |
| c. _____ | h. _____ |
| d. _____ | i. _____ |
| e. _____ | j. _____ |

For choice 1 or 2 above, please enclose your check for  
(number of names) \_\_\_\_\_ × \$5 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

or

→ 3.  I would prefer to memorialize all my loves ones with the words:

- a.  "All My Loved Ones"
- b.  "All Departed Loved Ones"
- c.  "Family and Friends"
- d.  (choose your own words)

Print your choice for # 3d below:

\_\_\_\_\_ = \$25.00

Please print your name as you want it to appear in the Book of Remembrance:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form and your check to:

Congregation Kol Ami, 1008 W. Water Street, Elmira, NY 14905  
Deadline for Book of Remembrance is Friday, August 3, 2018

*Thank you for your generosity.*

# BLOCK PARTY!!



## Congregation Kol Ami Community Block Party!

Save the date:  
**July 29th, 2018 10am to 3pm.**

### Chicken BBQ!

Music, Dancing, Art, Kids Games, and more!

### Baking Contest,

60/40 raffles, and plenty of chances to win prizes of all kinds! More details to be announced in the coming weeks!

### Volunteers Needed:

contact [kolamimarketing@gmail.com](mailto:kolamimarketing@gmail.com), [www.kolamielmira.org](http://www.kolamielmira.org), or contact the office!



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## HIGH HOLY DAY FLOWERS

Together, let's celebrate the High Holy Days by honoring or remembering our loved ones.

If you would like to do so, the cost is \$46.00.

Please send your check and written dedication to the office by August 10.

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## CKA Book Club

All meetings are in the Jerome & Etkind Library on the second Wednesday of each month at noon.

**September 12**  
*The Female Persuasion*  
 by Meg Wolitzer

**October 10**  
*The Immortalists*  
 by Chloe Benjamin

**November 14**  
*Option B*  
 by Sheryl Sandberg and Adam Grant

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

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

# Jewish Community Calendar

# July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 U.S. Independence Day	5	6 CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service	7 CKA 8:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service JCF 7:05 pm Pioneers Baseball w/fireworks
8	9	10 JCF 7:00 pm Film <i>The Matchmaker</i>	11	12	13 CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service	14 CKA 8:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service
15 CKA 11 am Siddur Orientation with Rabbi Steinitz JCF 2:00 pm John Jones Museum Tour	16	17 JCF Board Meeting	18	19	20 CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service	21 CKA 8:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 pm Tisha b'Av Service Tisha b'Av
22 Tisha b'Av	23	24	25	26	27 CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service	28 CKA 8:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service
29 CKA 10:00 am-3:00 pm Block Party	30	31				

# Jewish Community Calendar

# August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 JCF/EMMF 7:30 pm Asi Matathias at Clemens Center	2 Community Kitchen	3  CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service	4 CKA 8:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service 3:00 p.m. Havdalah at the Lake (Dinner at 6:00)
5	6	7	8	9	10  CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service	11 CKA 10:00 am Shabbat Morning Service Joshua White, Bar Mitzvah
12	13	14	15	16	17  CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service	18 CKA 8:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service
19	20	21	22	23 JCF 7:30 pm Film "Streit's Matzo and the American Dream" with Dr. Elissa Sampson	24  CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service	25 CKA 8:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service
26	27	28	29	30	31  CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service	

# CONGREGATION KOL AMI

## 2018 High Holy Days 5779

### ROSH HASHANAH CELEBRATION

Evening Service	Sunday, September 9	7:30 PM
Morning Service	Monday, September 10	9:30 AM
	(Luncheon Reception at CKA and <i>Tashlich</i> at the Chemung River to follow)	
Morning Service	Tuesday, September 11	9:30 AM

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### SHABBAT SHUVAH: THE SHABBAT OF RETURN

The Shabbat between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

Shabbat Service	Friday, September 14	7:30 PM
Shabbat Service	Saturday, September 15	10:00 AM
Havdalah and S'lichot	Saturday, September 15	7:30 PM

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### CEMETERY SERVICE

Join us to remember your beloved ones at our cemetery—  
Please meet at the Franklin Street entrance.

Memorial Service	Sunday, September 16	10:00 AM
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### YOM KIPPUR OBSERVANCES

Evening Service	Tuesday, September 18	7:30 PM
Morning Service	Wednesday, September 19	9:30 AM
Yizkor Service	Wednesday, September 19	<i>no earlier than 12:00 Noon</i>
Afternoon Service	Wednesday, September 19	5:30 PM
Break the Fast	Wednesday, September 19	7:25 PM

Community Break the Fast sponsored by our Sisterhood.

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Childcare for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur for children ages 2-6 years is available.  
PLEASE PHONE AHEAD AT (607) 732-7410 FOR RESERVATION

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