

KOL קול עמי AMI

Join us at the ball game—and fireworks—twice!

This summer you're invited to a Pioneers baseball game *and* fireworks, not just once, but twice!

We'll gather at Dunn Field on Saturday, July 15, and on Saturday, July 29. Buy your own tickets for \$8 (\$5 for kids and seniors) and meet inside near the concession stand so that we can sit together. Game time is 7:05 p.m.

The July 15 game is sponsored by Chemung Canal Trust, which will probably have free tickets and is against the Onondaga Flames. The July 29 game, against the Utica Blue Sox, is the last home game of the season, and is free with a donation of pet food. There will be fireworks after the game both nights.

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.

Tisha b'Av, From Destruction to Hope

Please join our congregation at CKA on Monday, July 31, at 8:00 p.m. for a special evening as we commemorate Tisha b'Av, the ninth day of the Hebrew month. Tisha b'Av commemorates a number of tragic events from Jewish history. Rabbi Steinitz will lead a brief service that will include sections from the book of Lamentations in English. We will end the evening with a short discussion about the themes of the day.



Havdalah at the Lake on August 12

Come and join us for some recreation and relaxation at the annual Havdallah at the Lake!

Shabbat services on August 11–12 will be at the usual times: Friday at 7:00 p.m., Saturday at 8:00 a.m., and Saturday at 9:00 a.m. Then everyone is invited to John and Liz Goldman's cottage at Cayuta Lake 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 August 7 to the CKA office, (607) 732-7410 or 734-7735, 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 "Goldman" sign; bear left at fork in driveway; cottage is at bottom 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.

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from President Marcus Kantz

Broken Record

As I write this, we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Beatle's album Sgt. Pepper, which, I for one consider to be about the best record ever. You could argue that it was just a record. What's the big deal? You could also argue that I tend to start these *Kol Ami* articles with weird lead-ins. But those arguments would be broken records. A broken record is a technique for offering resistance by simply repeating and repeating your point.

Our national government is currently playing its broken record, and, because I'm desperately worried, I feel compelled to play mine again too. Please give a listen.

First, the other side's broken record: climate change is a hoax and, therefore, any efforts to fix what isn't even broken – namely the Paris Accord – would be an unnecessary and enormous burden on the U.S. economy and would cause everyone to lose their jobs and taxes to rise, all for nothing.

Now my broken record: climate change is very, very real, threatening

our individual health and wellbeing, to say nothing of the fate of civilization. Without U.S. leadership, the Paris Accord may not succeed sufficiently to head off climate change, leading to great, very long-term harm to the U.S. economy, U.S. jobs, U.S. cities and coastlines, as well as to the health and well-being of Americans and people world-wide. Alternatively, adherence to the Accord, besides plain and simply saving the world, would lead to the creation of many, many new jobs, and even new occupations.

So I'm symbolically shouting into the wind on the corner of Church and Main into a cardboard microphone because I need your help once again. I keep asking for your help for JCF, for CKA, for each other. But this time it's for America and the rest of the world. Since the U.S. is dropping out of the Accord, we have to apply our pressure on our state and local governments. I'm asking you to raise your voices loudly and often, supported by your pocketbooks when you can, to encourage our local leaders to stand up for what is right for us here, for America, and for humankind. Fight for a rea-

sonable, science-based, economics-based and reality-based approach to governance. Show up. Stand up. Speak up.

End of my soap box following the broken record. Beginning of caveats. Yes it's true that calmer heads may in the long run prevail. Many of the other 194 nations in the Accord will continue on their path without the U.S. Many American states, cities and large corporations are already promising to fight to head off the worst of the climate change effects. But we will need more. I caution you not to count on others. Let your voices here help make it happen for the world.

Some ideas for you to help save the world – for real:

- Go to meetings, rallies, demonstrations.
- Write and submit Letters to the Editor.
- Call, write, and text, etc. to your state and local officials.
- Make it clear that "We the People" support the world, not a selfish agenda.

Thank you.

JCF annual meeting

Annie Werner receives *Amud ha-Chevrah* award

Barb Luther, recipient of last year's award, presented the 2017 *Amud ha-Chevrah* (Pillar of the Community) award to Annie Werner at the JCF annual meeting on June 20. She mentioned that Annie had studied interior design in Belgium, where she and her husband Murray met, and that her work in the Elmira Jewish community had included the renovation of 1008 West Water Street to house Congregation Kol Ami, and the design of "Hester Street" for the Jewish Food Festival. Annie was the first woman to be president of the JCC, later served on the JCF Board of Directors, and most recently as membership chair.

Right: Barb Luther, Annie Werner
Photos by Gil Sweet



from Executive Director Paul Solyn



In 1965 my father bought a Ford car. It caused some talk in the local Jewish community, because in those days Jews didn't buy Ford products. The memory of Henry Ford's anti-Semitism, including distributing *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, was too recent. Into the 1980s, almost all cars parked outside synagogues were General Motors products.

Apparently as a public atonement, the Ford Motor Company sponsored the first television broadcast of *Schindler's List*, without commercials.

My father bought a Ford because he preferred to do business with his clients, and his only car-dealer client then was a Ford dealer.

Today we are might still boycott a company because of its (lack of) ethical practices. Reports that Volkswagen had engineered its diesel cars to cheat in emissions testing hurt the sale of all of its vehicles in the U.S.

The scandal in the U.S. did not initially affect Volkswagen sales in Germany, but it was eventually found that the diesel engines also faked German tests.

That has become a major issue in Germany, for an unusual reason. Volkswagen is a sponsor of a national

convention of German Protestant churches (called *Kirchentag*), loaning hundreds of vehicles for use by the delegates and guest speakers. Many called on the Protestant churches to decline VW's sponsorship this year, but they did not. Now activists are waiting to see what the German Catholic churches do, since VW is also a sponsor of *Katholikentag*.

Similar issues also arise in religious organizations when a member commits a serious crime. How many of us winced when the financial scandals involving Ivan Boesky, Michael Milken, or Jerome Madoff were revealed?

The Jewish Theological Seminary removed Boesky's name from a building, apparently with his consent (but did not return any of his donations). Milken has largely restored his reputation through donations for medical research and education. In 2014, the George Washington University named its school of public health after him.

Of the three, Madoff did the most harm to the Jewish community, not through bringing disrepute, but through actually defrauding Jewish institutions, such as the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Boston, which had to scale back activities, and

the Lappin Foundation, which closed.

The JCF, by the way, had no investments with Madoff. We were too small and too remote to attract his attention, but our investment policy, which requires that all investments be held by a third-party custodian, would have precluded investing with him anyway.

Synagogues and churches occasionally have to consider what to do when a member is convicted of a serious crime. Often they allow the person to continue membership, but don't accord him or her any recognition or honors.

Most recently, almost 200 British imams and Islamic scholars announced that they would not lead funeral prayers for the London Bridge attackers. The central mosque in Manchester had already denied prayers for the Arena bomber there.

Jewish congregations never deny burial; it is a *mitzvah* to bury the dead, but most would keep the burial private. In Muslim settings, sometimes prayers are led by a lay person rather than by an imam to avoid the appearance of giving honor.

JCF Donations

JCF Membership

- ✧ CC Legislator & Mrs. Sidney Graubard

Community Kitchen

- ✧ Mollie Sherman

Kurt Wohl Memorial Food Drive

- ✧ Irv Appel
- ✧ Gail & Richard Gerard
- ✧ Marc Hample
- ✧ Beth & Lee Herbst
- ✧ Judy & Stuart Komer
- ✧ James E. Perle
- ✧ Marcia Weber
- ✧ Ellen Wohl

General Fund

- ✧ In honor of Annie Werner's receiving the Amud ha-Chevrah award by Myra & Jerry Stemerman

Jewish Community School

- ✧ In memory of Abe Golos by Kathy Rosenheck

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July, August films are Brazilian, Israeli

The JCF's film for July is *The Year My Parents Went on Vacation*, a Jewish film from Brazil.

The "vacation" is really Mauro Stein's parents attempt to escape arrest during the military dictatorship of the 1970s. They drop the boy off outside the apartment of his grandfather, Motel, not realizing that Motel has just died. Shlomo, Motel's neighbor, with other equally elderly Jewish neighbors, tries to care for him. Mauro doesn't know anything of his Jewish heritage, and Shlomo, a Polish Jew who is old enough to have fought in both World Wars, struggles with the idea of raising a boy who has been raised as "a goy."

It's in Portuguese with English subtitles. We'll see it on Thursday, July 20, at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free.

The August film is *Zero Motivation*, an Israeli workplace comedy described as "M*A*S*H meets *Orange Is the New Black*." It portrays the everyday life of young, female soldiers at a remote desert outpost; two are merely serving out their time and dreaming of Tel Aviv, while a third hopes to rise in the military.

Director-writer Talya Lavie based the story on her own experience as a secretary during military service. The film



won the best narrative feature at the 2014 Tribeca Film Festival in New York.

We'll see it on Tuesday, August 22, at 7:00 p.m. It's in Hebrew with English subtitles. Admission is free.

Graduates



Melissa Cadel, daughter of Susan and Jeff Cadel, graduated from University of Michigan with Honors with a BSE degree in Materials Science Engineering. She has accepted a position with Corning Incorporated as a Materials Engineer.

Teri Doerksen and Mitch Goldwater are proud and delighted to announce the graduation of their daughter, Hannah Doerksen-Goldwater, from Corning-Painted Post High School on June 23. Hannah will be taking a gap year, and she plans to study languages and cantorial singing.



Jeremy Koob graduated from Brandeis University in May with a cum laude BS/MS in Chemistry and Biochemistry. He is spending the summer as a TA for Organic Chemistry.



Shayna Lynn Miller, daughter of Cheryl A. Miller and the late Keith S. Miller, graduated from Elmira High School. She has been accepted at several campus of SUNY.

Emily Dobbs graduated from Horseheads High School. She will attend Finger Lakes Community College.

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 6 and August 3. 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.

Congregation Kol Ami—כל עמי



from President Mike Lenzner

I have been told by the Kol Ami office that not everyone knows me, your new Kol Ami President, so I thought it might be a nice first gesture for those of you who I haven't met to welcome myself so that you don't need to. Now, when we run into each other, you can simply say "How are you doing Mr. President" and I'll say "Great, how are you?" and we can move forward from there. I hope this appointment doesn't go to my head (for those of you don't know me, this is just a joke for the people who do).

In terms of the new Board: I am thankful it is mostly the same as the old Board - and even though we are losing an extremely successful President in Ed Braunstein and board member in Svetlana Short, we will still have a very experienced team.

The "holdover" members of the Board/Executive Board have demonstrated a tremendous dedication to our Congregation and I am very thankful for their continued commitment as go forward in 2018 and 2019—John Massey, Susan Cadel, Sue King, Loda Golos, Marietta Zaborsky, Jerry Stemerman, Herb Robbins, Doris Siskin, Marcus Kantz and Josh Kartzman—as well as for the support of a first-rate office staff featuring Fran Jankowski and Rosie Hoffman.

The few changes we are making are outstanding! They include bringing on Brittany Braunstein (Ed's niece!) and Zsuzsana Kadar to round out our board and provide us with a more youthful perspective.

In addition, I am pleased to announce a reorganization of the Presi-

dent/Vice President Staff Duties:

As President, I would like my vision and focus to be on utilizing our outstanding Rabbi to go out into the Community and grow our synagogue population through inclusion efforts for the Jews we know are in the area but are not members as well as finding if there are Jews we don't know about and reaching out to them. Our new Second Vice President, Mark Rubin, with his superb marketing skills will help me lead this growth program.

At the same time, we cannot lose sight of the needs and wishes of our most important people: *you* the congregants. First Vice President Cheryl Miller will be leading the Board in support of goal to achieve 100% congregation satisfaction.

August Birthdays

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|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Emily Dobbs | 8 Hilde Robbins | 22 Kathy Cohen |
| 1 Ari Salzburg | 13 Larry Cohen | 26 Floriett Herman |
| 1 Maureen Gladke | 17 Richard Savin | 26 Trudi Porter |
| 3 Phyllis Holtgrewe | 19 Ed Braunstein | 29 Eva Kadar |
| 3 Eytan Steinitz | 19 David Greenberg | 29 Leslie Rachlin |
| 4 Susan Messing | 19 Dr. Gilbert Sweet | 29 Shannon Stemerman |
| 5 Doug Holtgrewe | 21 Dr. Robert Douenias | 30 Andrew Rachlin |
| 5 Madison Kravitz | 21 Rachele Lerner | |

Anniversaries

July

- 5 JoAnn and Ted Lax
- 6 Sheryl and Lester Rosenbloom
- 7 Michelle and Michael Halperin
- 20 Svetlana & Ralph Short
- 21 Zsuzsana & Kenneth Kadar
- 26 Diane & Larry Berman
- 31 Sheila & Les Rachlin

August

- 5 Andrea & Jeff Rubin
- 7 Harriet and Gil Sweet

- 10 Suzanne & Tom Hesselson
- 10 Jill & Robert White
- 16 Michelle & Herman Berliss
- 16 Myra & Jerry Stemerman
- 19 Anita & Lee Adelsberg
- 21 Debra Chesman & Martin Hempstead
- 22 Maria and Ted Goldwyn
- 26 Gail and Richard Gerard
- 27 Susan and Michael German
- 27 Sharon and Scott Moore
- 30 Andra and Richard Frank

Etz Hayim

Torah Commentaries

are available for dedication for a special occasion or in memory of a loved one.

Please contact the CKA office, 607-732-7410 or office@kolamielmira.org.

from Rabbi Oren Steinitz



Hard to believe, but this month marks my second anniversary as rabbi of Congregation Kol Ami! I would like to say that I hope that in honor of the occasion people will stop referring to me as the “new rabbi,” but I have a feeling that there is no chance of that happening any time soon.

We had an eventful year at CKA, packed with both sad and happy occasions. We, unfortunately, experienced the loss of some dear, long time members, but also celebrated births, weddings, and b’nai mitzvah. We welcomed quite a few new members, and I have to say that I am constantly impressed by how warm and welcoming the community has proved itself to be, and how easily the new members seem to fit in and become an integral

part of CKA.

We have a lot to be proud of in this congregation. The volunteer spirit never ceases to amaze me, as well as the quality of the events that we organize. What we lack in number, we make up for in quality. I am honored to keep serving as spiritual leader of such a wonderful community, and am looking forward to our next adventures together.

One of the projects that took a substantial portion of my time this year, was the compilation of *Siddur Kol Ami*, our new congregational prayer book. I hope that most have you have already had a chance to see the new books that are already being used in all of our regular Shabbat services.

Compiling a prayer book for a con-

gregation like ours is not an easy task. We needed a book that would be easy to follow, be fully transliterated, respecting the various liturgical traditions that are represented at Kol Ami, and truly be a book for all our people. Quite a number of people stepped up to the task, offered constant feedback, proofread, edited, suggested additions and edits, and made the book a true community effort. I know that it would take some time to get used to the new book. I’m still getting used to it myself. On the other hand, I already see how the book is increasing participation in services, and I truly hope that this is only the beginning.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer!

Weekly Torah/Haftarah Portions & Candle Lighting

June 30–July 1 8:29 pm <i>Chukat</i> Torah Numbers 19:1–22:1 Pr. Judges 11:1–33	July 7–8 8:27 pm <i>Balak</i> Torah Numbers 22:2–25:9 Pr. Micah 5:6–6:8	July 14–15 8:24 pm <i>Pinchas</i> Torah Numbers 25:1–30:1 Pr. Jeremiah 1:1– 2:3	July 21–22 8:19 pm <i>Matot-Masei</i> Torah Numbers 30:2–36:13 Pr. Jeremiah 2:4–28; 3:4	July 28–29 8:12 pm <i>Devarim</i> Torah Deuteronomy 1:1–3:22 Pr. Isaiah 1:1–27
August 4–5 7:53 PM <i>Va’et-chanan</i> Torah Deut. 3:23–7:11 Pr. Isaiah 40:1–26	August 11–12 8:00 PM <i>Ekev</i> Torah Deut. 7:12–11:25 Pr. Isaiah 49:14–51:3	August 18–19 8:08 PM <i>Re’eh</i> Torah Deut. 11:26–16:17 Pr. Isaiah 54:11–55:5	August 25–26 8:14 PM <i>Shoftim</i> Torah Deut. 16:18–21:9 Pr. Isaiah 51:12–52:12	

Shabbat Services

except as noted below

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

Noteworthy Upcoming Religious Observances

Friday, June 30		Friday, August 11	
Musical Shabbat Service	7:30 PM	Shabbat Evening Service	7:30 PM
Saturday, July 1		Saturday, August 12	
Shabbat Morning Service	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service	8:00 AM
Hannah Doerksen-Goldwater Bat Mitzvah		Shabbat Morning Service	9:00 AM
		Havdalah at the Lake	3:00 PM
Monday, July 31		Dinner	6:00 PM
Tisha b’Av Service	8:00 PM		

CKA Donations

Flowers for the Bimah

- ✧ June 30: In memory of Pauline and Ralph Hoffman by Darryl and Maggie Hoffman
- ✧ July 1: In honor of Hannah Doerksen-Goldwater's Bat Mitzvah by her parents, Terri Doerksen and Mitchell Goldwater
- ✧ July 21: In memory of Marvin Rubin by Geoff Rubin and family
- ✧ August 11: In memory of Burt Hesselson by Harriet Hesselson and family

CKA Education Fund

- ✧ In memory of Jeff Etkind by Alan & Susan Seltzer
- ✧ In memory of Rabbi Abe Golos
- ✧ Alan H. Angell & Beth Dollinger
- ✧ Alex & Trudi Porter
- ✧ Jeffrey & Andrea Rubin
- ✧ Gilbert & Harriet Sweet

General Fund

- ✧ In memory of Irene Burtnick by Sid Burtnick
- ✧ In honor of Abe Golos' Bar Mitzvah Anniversary by Leona Siskin
- ✧ In honor of Abe Golos' Bar Mitzvah Anniversary by Jerald & Myra Stemerman
- ✧ In memory of Ruth Hample by Marc Hample
- ✧ In honor of Myra & Jerry Stemerman's new granddaughter, Harper, by Faith & James Gray
- ✧ In honor of Myra & Jerry Stemerman's new granddaughter, Harper, by Jeffrey & Sheila Katz
- ✧ In honor of Myra & Jerry Stemerman's new granddaughter, Harper, by Sara Holtzman
- ✧ In honor of Phyllis & Paul Shore's 60th wedding anniversary by Faith & James Gray
- ✧ In honor of Phyllis & Paul Shore's 60th wedding anniversary by Jeffrey & Sheila Katz
- ✧ In honor of Phyllis & Paul Shore's 60th wedding anniversary by Sara Holtzman

In memory of Rabbi Abe Golos

- ✧ Edwin & Carol Braunstein
- ✧ Robert & Carla Cohen
- ✧ Dr. Stuart & Marlene Erner
- ✧ Steven Etkind
- ✧ Richard & Andra Frank
- ✧ Gerould's Professional Pharmacy
- ✧ Sidney S. Graubard
- ✧ James & Faith Gray
- ✧ Marjorie Hamilton
- ✧ Lori Hesselson
- ✧ Carole Hoffman
- ✧ Cynthia Ann Huling Hummel
- ✧ Dr. R. J. Kahn
- ✧ Jami Kaplan
- ✧ Jeffrey & Sheila Katz
- ✧ Michael & Lynnette Lenzner
- ✧ Rachelle Lerner
- ✧ Connie Liss
- ✧ William & Mary Palmer
- ✧ Melvin Passer
- ✧ James Perle
- ✧ Howard Pittle
- ✧ Alex & Marilyn Rabinowitz
- ✧ Alan & Susan Seltzer
- ✧ Dr. Leonard & Carol Simons
- ✧ Phyllis Siskin
- ✧ Stewart B. Siskin
- ✧ Erica & Stephen Spencer
- ✧ Sue Suna
- ✧ Surface Finishing Technologies
- ✧ Debra Todd
- ✧ Cynthia Vestal
- ✧ Ellen Wohl
- ✧ Frank Steed, Gerould's
- ✧ Marjorie Hamilton
- ✧ Edwin Berman

Kate Stein Music Fund

- ✧ In memory of Abraham Wladis by Beth Wladis

Marvin & Shirley Rubin Scholarship Fund

- ✧ In memory of Marvin Rubin by Myra & Jerry Stemerman

M. E. Hunter Fund

- ✧ In memory of Mary Ellen Hunter by Lisa Goldberg & Stephen Koob

Memorials and Honors

Scroll of Life Pearl

- ✧ In loving memory of Rabbi Abe Golos by Edwin & Carol Braunstein

Prayer Book Fund

- ✧ In loving memory of Donald & Catherine Berry by Charlotte Berry Kantz and Marcus Kantz
- ✧ In loving memory of Harry & Ceral Goodman by Charlotte and Marcus Kantz
- ✧ In loving memory of Art & Fran Kantz by Charlotte and Marcus Kantz
- ✧ In memory of Louise F. Ogrinc by Doris & David Siskin
- ✧ In honor of Myra Stemerman's 80th birthday by Thomas & Suzanne Hesselson
- ✧ In memory of Mary Ellen Hunter by Irv Appel
- ✧ In memory of Abe Golos by Jerald & Myra Stemerman, Jim Kutchen & family
- ✧ Dr. David Stemerman & family and Marc Stemerman & family
- ✧ In loving memory of Mary Ellen Hunter by Irv Appel

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- ✧ In honor of Rabbi Oren Steinitz by Larry & Miriam Greene
- ✧ In memory of Herman Rubin by Clay Granoff
- ✧ In memory of Mary & Fred DeCicco by Hon. & Mrs. Sidney Graubard
- ✧ In memory of Cecile Fuchs & Ernest Rosenwald by Leonard Schreiber
- ✧ In memory of Betts Komer by Stu & Judy Komer

In memory of Rabbi Abe Golos

- ✧ Lisa Goldberg & Stephen Koob
- ✧ Annie & Murray Werner
- ✧ Harriet Hesselson
- ✧ Les & Shelia Rachlin
- ✧ Jerome & Natalie Steinmetz

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.

Yahrzeits

July	Tammuz						
1 Larry Friedman	7	9 Abe Tarshus	15	20 Charles Malick	26		
1 Philip Beere	7	9 Abraham Tenenbaum	15	20 Bertha Rosengarden	26		
1 Hannah Blowstein	7	10 Ida Golos	16	20 Rebecca Cohen	26		
1 Natalie Golos	7	10 Jacques Schooler	16	20 Cherna Sadnisky	26		
1 Leon Stemerman	7	10 David Sorin	16	20 Samuel Ginsburg	26		
1 Edwin Shaperio	7	10 Norman Jacob Wiener	16	20 Beryl Goldstein	26		
1 Beatrice Sandler	7	10 Henry J. Gladke	16	20 Helen Marks	27		
1 Ida Greenspan	7	10 Samuel B. Cohen	16	21 Marvin Rubin	27		
2 Selma Sittenfield	8	10 Beatrice Novidor	16	21 Louis Braveman	27		
2 Esther Friedman	8	10 Louise F. Ogrinc	16	21 Solomon Cooperman	27		
3 Jacob Novidor	9	10 Mary Richter	16	21 David Kaplow	27		
3 Sara S. Kaufman	9	11 Ida Stein	17	22 Sarah Hagan	28		
3 Louis Rubin	9	11 Minnie R. Sammet	17	22 Bernice Tarshus	28		
3 Sidney Rubin	9	11 Anne Etkind	17	22 Susan B. King	28		
3 Annie Baltimore	9	11 Isaac Heyman	17	22 Bernard H. Jacobs	28		
3 Albert Rosenblatt	9	11 Max Kenner	17	22 Leah T. Sittenfield	28		
4 Philip Duhlberg	10	12 Harriet Gutman	18	22 Lillian Pletter	28		
4 Louis Dann	10	12 Rosa Slohm	18	22 Sarah Robinson	28		
4 Martin Kramer	10	12 Arnold Jerome	18	22 Bernard Cohen	28		
4 Mina Seinfeld	10	12 Leon Fisher	18	23 Lafayette Rosenbloom	29		
4 Herbert David	10	12 Norman Obler	18	23 Joseph Jacobson	29		
4 Morris Heyman	10	12 Sanford Winnick	18	23 William Jack Platt	29		
4 Saul Rosenberg	10	13 Bernard Siegel	19	23 Milton Simon	29		
4 Florence Seltzer	10	13 Kathryn Berlovich	19				
4 David Tarshus	10	13 Mary Kantz	19	July	Av		
5 Rose Ackerman	11	13 Ruth Schechter	19	24 Aaron Schooler	1		
5 Max Etkind	11	14 Harry B. Schwartz	20	24 Jack Passer	1		
5 Ida E. Golos	11	14 Sadie Harris	20	24 Lillian R. Goldsmith	1		
5 Morris Shulman	11	14 Annie Lebowitz	20	24 Louis Featherman	1		
5 Evelyn Linchuck	11	15 Myer Sherer	21	24 Samuel Rosenberg	1		
5 Bessie Stemerman	11	15 Johanna J. Vassall	21	24 Morris Dreyfuss	1		
5 Herbert Yankowsky	11	15 Millicent Simon	21	24 Ellery Herman	1		
5 Elizabeth Fidelman	11	16 Jean Rasowsky	22	24 Fannie Messing	2		
6 Abraham Kaufman	12	16 Harold Goldberg	22	25 Nathan Epstein	2		
6 Rose Sitrin	12	16 Martin Radin	22	25 Fannie Winnick	2		
6 Edna Barras	12	16 Fannie Cohen	22	25 Sanford L. Barcus	2		
6 Albert Linker	12	16 Lawik Pisetzner	22	25 Aaron Stein	2		
6 Louis Segel	12	16 Sarah Rosenthal	22	26 Frances Goldberg	3		
6 Esther Solomon	12	17 Susan Herbst	23	26 Helene Mindell	3		
7 Louis Paltrowitz	13	17 Julius Shulman	23	26 Shirley Green	3		
7 Issac Jr Slohm	13	17 Philip A. Miller	23	26 Rebecca Kornfeld	3		
7 Daniel Henessey	13	17 Harry Sigel	23	26 Reva Roberts	3		
7 Herman Bloch	13	18 Belle Passer	24	26 Hyman Samuels	3		
7 Robert Steinitz	13	18 Rose Kaplan	24	26 Minnie Zeman	3		
7 Sarah Linker	13	18 Miriam Wladis	24	27 Bernard Jack Golos	4		
7 Max Tondow	13	18 Zayne Leveen	24	27 Ida Kaplow	4		
8 Sigmund Schwaber	14	18 Barbara Seymour	24	27 Abraham Simon	4		
8 Sol Baker	14	19 Nathan Golos	25	27 David Rubin	4		
8 June Wladis	14	19 Ethel Hofrichter	25	28 Hannah W. Blowstein	5		
8 Beverly B. Braunstein	14	19 Moses Rosenfield	25	28 Miriam Jacobson	5		
8 Michael Cohen	14	19 Gussie Novidor	25	28 Minnie Breakstone	5		
8 Leah Rosencrans	14	19 Leah Wittkowski	25	28 Rose Kahn	5		
9 Miriam Breskin	15	19 Sidney Glaser	25	28 Gertrude Honig	5		
9 Frume Nagler	15	19 Ceral Goodman	25	28 Walter Patterson	5		
9 Ceclia Siskin	15	19 Mindel Stemerman	25				
		19 Harry Michlosky	26				

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Yahrzeits

28 Henry Tarshus	5	9 Ellery Freeman	17	August	Elul
29 Gloria Heiman	6	9 Fredrick V. Shear	17	23 Mary Schecter	1
29 Lydia Berman	6	10 Zelda Chernosky	18	23 Serene Weinstock	1
29 Philip Goldberg	6	10 Gertrude Kaplan	18	23 Sarah Botnick	1
29 Bernard Braunstein	6	11 Minnie Zeman	19	23 Max Freeman	1
29 Abe Gumbinsky	6	11 Lillie Rubinstein	19	24 Lillian Samuels	2
30 Barbara A. Glantz	7	11 Helen Schulman	19	24 Rachel Maltz	2
30 Minnie Cohen	7	11 Simon Siskin	19	24 Steve Novack	2
30 Elias B. Freudenheim	8	11 John Speigler	19	25 Esther Cooperman	3
31 Ida Rabinowitz	8	12 Charles M. Rockman	20	25 Sarah Leibowitz	3
31 Zeev Streimer	8	12 Milton R. Wexler	20	25 Elizabeth Gerstel	3
31 Herbert Schindler	8	12 Kate Hoffman	20	25 Gustave Wladis	3
		13 Fanny Snowiss	21	26 Benjamin Botnick	4
August	Av	14 Sarah M. Rubin	22	26 Sadie Chaït	4
1 Morris Blostein	9	14 Eva Zinamin	22	26 Bessie Kaplan	4
1 Mollie Ditcoff	9	15 Dr. F. Martin Stern	23	26 Frances S. Weil	4
1 Fannie Snowiss	9	16 Myrtle Green	24	26 Fanny Ziff	4
1 Sol Moseson	9	16 Shirley F. Chiatt	24	26 Dr. Milton Goldsmith	4
2 Milton Firestone	10	16 Fanny Cohen	24	26 Anna Holtzman	4
2 Victor Hereng	10	16 Lena Cooper	24	26 Marc "Skip" Plitt	4
2 Esther Friedman	10	16 Daniel Ziff	24	26 Bennie Golos	4
2 Sarah Hagen	10	17 Geraldine Siskin	25	27 William Baker	5
2 Hyman Kaplan	10	18 Barney Feldman	26	27 Flora Goodsite Cohn	5
3 Quenton R. Chaffee	11	18 Alvin Frances Braude	26	27 Anna Holtzman	5
3 Rose Robbins	11	18 Lena Pierce	26	27 Dorothy Winer	5
3 Estelle Schwartz	11	18 Sidney Glazer	26	27 Mary Meltzner	5
3 Irene Shreibman	11	19 Dr. Harold Diner	27	27 Gale Oppenheim	5
3 Lena Rosenblatt	11	19 Bobby Lovitch	27	27 Eugene Weinstein	5
4 Rose Kahn	12	19 Rose Shear	27	28 Jean Haas	6
4 Jack Lavine	12	19 Burt Delphinus	27	28 Shirley Sandler	6
5 Melvin Berman	13	20 Victor Danhl	28	28 Ernest Friedman	6
5 Ida Feinberg	13	20 Rebecca Goldner	28	29 Ida Shapiro	7
5 Helen Heyman	13	20 Adolph Kahn	28	29 Sam Heyman	7
6 Bertha Brewer	14	20 Rose Schwartz	28	30 Helen B. Baker	8
6 Henry Tarshus	14	21 Esther Cropp	29	30 Esther Herman	8
6 Robert Lovitch	14	21 Irving Leavy	29	30 Helen Schwab	8
7 Dora Frank	15	21 Eugene Weinstein	29		
7 Louis Kaplan	15	21 Samuel Lazarus	29		
7 Joseph Cohen	15	22 Helen R. Grasberg	30		
7 Samuel Josephson	15	22 Burton Hesselson	30		
9 Emma Ruttenberg	17	22 Dorothy Adelsberg	30		
9 Emma Sactor	17	22 Reuben Simon	30		
9 Jacob Solomon	17				

Names of Confederate soldiers buried in Woodlawn Cemetery are included above

2017 Cocktails and Knosh Affair Prize Winners

Congratulations to our top prize winners: Chris Denton, Andra Frank, and Carol Hoffman!

Congratulations to our \$500 prize winners: Jon and Jess Friedman!

Congratulations to our 46 guests who won \$50 prizes!

Sukkot and Simchat Torah

Wednesday, October 4 –
Erev Sukkot

Thursday, October 5 – Sukkot
Morning Service, 9:00 AM

Wednesday, October 11 – Simchat
Torah Service, 7:00 PM

Thursday, October 12, Shemini
Atzeret/Simchat Torah Service &
Yizkor, 10:00 AM

CONGREGATION KOL AMI

2017 High Holy Days 5777

HAVDALAH AND SELICHOT

Join others in our congregation as we gather to prepare for the High Holy Days

Evening Service Saturday, September 16 7:30 PM

ROSH HASHANAH CELEBRATION

Evening Service Wednesday, September 20 7:30 PM

Morning Service Thursday, September 21 9:30 AM

(Luncheon Reception at CKA and *Tashlich* at the Chemung River to follow*)

Morning Service Friday, September 22 9:30 AM

SHABBAT SHUVAH: THE SHABBAT OF RETURN

the Sabbath between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

Shabbat Service Friday, September 22 7:30 PM

Shabbat Service Saturday, September 23 10:00 AM

CEMETERY SERVICE

Join us to remember your beloved ones at our Franklin Street Cemetery

Memorial Service Sunday, September 24 10:00 AM

YOM KIPPUR OBSERVANCES

Evening Service Friday, September 29 7:30 PM

Morning Service Saturday, September 30 9:30 AM

Yizkor Service Saturday, September 30 *no earlier than 12:00 Noon*

Afternoon Service Saturday, September 30 5:00 PM

Break-the-Fast Saturday, September 30 Following Neilah

Community Break-the-Fast sponsored by our Sisterhood.

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

**Tashlich* is an ancient Jewish tradition of walking to a moving body of water and casting our sins, in the form of breadcrumbs, upon the current. This is a moving and value-filled exercise. Why not join us after lunch? Just bring your tennis shoes.

Jewish Community School



from Director Jeff Rosenheck

It is hard to believe that the 5777 school year has come to an end and preparations already underway for the 5778 year. Despite some very challenging events over the course of the year, I am so proud of the staff, students, and community for the support.

This year featured new textbooks, the debut of our weekly grade level music classes, and fantastic special events, including Shlomit and Rebbe Soul as well as a Klezmer music presentation.

This year we also welcomed three new students; Mathias, Bjorn and Teddy as well as teachers Eileen Pollack and Julian Thornton and Teaching Assistants Joshua Kartzman and Rosie Hoffman. The school also held a memorial dedication service for beloved teacher Jeffrey Etkind, who passed away in September.

On June 11, we hosted a very special closing ceremony honoring staff and students. A special congratulations to Jonah, Neila, Eytan, Aaron, and Aidan for meeting their required service attendance this past year, as

well as students Josh, Elyse, and Suzy for having commendable attendance, or less than five absences.

The 2018-19 or 5778 school year will begin on Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Registration forms are available in the JCS office, were distributed at the last day of school, and will be mailed over the summer to interested families. I wish to welcome back teachers Rivka Miran, Sophie Marmor, Eileen Pollack, Kathy Rosenheck, Donna Rothenberg, Dr. Amanda Sharpe, and Julian Thornton who will be returning to work with our students. The school does currently have an open position for a Hebrew educator, a new position that we are implementing. Anyone interested in the position should contact me for further information.

The 5778 school year will also feature a revised mid-week Hebrew program. The virtual Hebrew will be upheld, but all students in grades 4, 5, and 7 will be having class together from 7:00-7:45 p.m. The students will collectively learn prayers used for ser-

vices and holidays. It is the consensus of the educational staff that this will allow students of various abilities to work together and learn from one another, while maximizing and providing essential and important materials.

A book of prayers will be sent home to families in September for use during this program. Additional prayers will also be added to our Sunday noon service since the students are quickly progressing through the current blessings at a very rapid rate.

I wish everyone a very safe and enjoyable summer, and encourage all students to review their Hebrew letters, words, and prayers intermittently during vacation. I look forward to seeing everyone in September and invite anyone with questions, comments or concerns about the upcoming 5778 school year contact me at any time via email at jrosenheck14@aol.com or via cell at 607-731-4217.

July Birthdays

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Alexander Massey | 16 Lucas Lax |
| 2 Tom Hesselson | 16 David Kingdon-Wolfe |
| 3 Ronald Friedman | 17 Christopher Seymour |
| 4 Judy Komer | 18 Andra Frank |
| 5 Larry Berman | 18 Rachel Gifeisman |
| 6 Lauren Cohen | 20 Max Miller |
| 6 Stephen Ezra Kadar | 20 Melissa Novack |
| 6 James Gray | 21 Mindy Gaieski |
| 7 Jennifer Falek | 22 Dr. Edward Grandt |
| 7 Matthew Lloyd | 23 Eileen Semel |
| 8 Sharon Sporn | 24 Maggie Hoffman |
| 9 Susan King | 24 Annie Werner |
| 10 Jeremy Koob | 25 Sheila Katz |
| 11 Avram Liebson | 25 Marilyn Rabinowitz |
| 12 Miriam Jacobson | 25 Haskell Rubin |
| 12 Lennon Rubin | 25 Mitchell Goldwater |
| 13 Michael German | 26 Sloane Sigel |
| 13 Julian Koob | 28 Anders Korn |
| 16 Erica Rosenberg | 31 Brian Short |

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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.

a. _____
b. _____
c. _____
d. _____
e. _____

f. _____
g. _____
h. _____
i. _____
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 Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Thank you for your generosity.

July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 CKA 10:00 Hannah Doerksen-Goldwater Bat Mitzvah
2	3	4 Independence Day Offices Closed	5	6 Community Kitchen	7 CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	8 CKA 8:00 am Shabbat Service 9:00 am Shabbat Service
9	10	11	12 CKA 6:30 pm Executive Committee 7:30 pm Board Meeting	13	14 CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	15 CKA 8:00 am Shabbat Service 9:00 am Shabbat Service JCF 7:05 pm Elmira Pioneers at Dunn Field
16	17	18 JCF 7:00 Executive Committee 7:30 pm Board Meeting	19	20 JCF 7:00 pm Film <i>The Year My Parents Went on Vacation</i>	21 CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	22 CKA 8:00 am Shabbat Service 9:00 am Shabbat Service
23	24	25	26	27	28 CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	29 CKA 8:00 am Shabbat Service 9:00 am Shabbat Service JCF 7:05 pm Elmira Pioneers at Dunn Field
30	31 CKA 8:00 pm Tisha b'Av Service Tisha b'Av					

August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Tisha b'Av	2	3 Community Kitchen	4 CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	5 CKA 8:00 am Shabbat Service 9:00 am Shabbat Service
6	7	8	9	10	11 CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	12 CKA 8:00 am Shabbat Service 9:00 am Shabbat Service 3:00 pm Havdalah at the Lake 6:00 pm Dinner
13	14	15	16	17	18 CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	19 CKA 8:00 am Shabbat Service 9:00 am Shabbat Service
20	21	22 JCF 7:00 pm Film <i>Zero Motivation</i>	23	24	25 CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	26 CKA 8:00 am Shabbat Service 9:00 am Shabbat Service
27 JCS 9:00 am Faculty Meeting	28	29	30	31		



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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.

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.

Letters

Dear Friends, we want to thank all of you for your cards, donations and wonderful messages in honor of Abe. Your kindness has touched each of our hearts and is deeply appreciated.

Loda, Cindy, Mark and Anita

I would like to thank Congregation Kol Ami for bestowing the honor of the Marvin and Shirley Rubin Scholarship. Thank you for investing in my future.

Emily Dobbs

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.

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

CKA Book Club 2017

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

September 13

The Improbability of Love
by Hannah Rothschild

October 11

Carry Me
by Peter Behrens

November 8

Sometimes Brilliant
by Larry Brilliant

December 13

Sisters In Law
by Linda Hirshman

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