

KOL קול עמי AMI

JCF annual meeting

Annie Werner to receive *Amud ha-Chevrah* award

Annie Werner will receive the *Amud ha-Chevrah* (Pillar of the Community) award for 2017 at the Jewish Center & Federation annual meeting on Tuesday, June 20. The award recognizes distinguished service to the local Jewish community.

The meeting will also include the election of members of the JCF board of directors. Nancy Nicastro, who is retiring from the board, will receive a recognition certificate.

The meeting begins with a casual kosher dinner (grilled chicken, hamburgers, and hot dogs) at 5:30 p.m. Dinner reservations are required and may be made at <https://jcf-2017.eventbrite.com>. If you can help with the preparations, please call Tina Wise at 607-734-8122.

Jewish Center & Federation
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Congregation Kol Ami
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Shabbat Ruach will include scholarship presentations

Congregation Kol Ami's last Shabbat Ruach service until the fall, on Saturday, June 10, will include the presentation of scholarships from the Marvin & Shirley Rubin scholarship fund to graduating high-school seniors.

Shabbat Ruach is a lively, participatory Shabbat morning service intended for everyone, so it will be the only morning service that day. The service begins at 10:00 a.m. and will use CKA's new Shabbat *siddur* compiled by Rabbi Steinitz.



**Congregation Kol Ami
Annual Meeting
Sunday, June 11, 2017
9:00 AM**

Congregation Kol Ami—כל עמי



from President Ed Braunstein

*And now, the end is near
And so, I face the final curtain
My friend's, I'll say it clear
I'll state my case of which I'm certain.*

Frank Sinatra said it better than I ever could in his song "My Way", which expresses my emotions as I write this final article. The last two years of my life have been fulfilling to say the least. Having the opportunity to lead CKA has been an incredibly uplifting experience. The ability to work alongside my fellow members and employees has been an honor and my pleasure. To set goals, however lofty, and then to reach out and touch the result has been incredible. There is so much that could be said of the progress CKA has experienced. Including the beautification/improvements to our beloved building and our renewed growing membership. Rabbi Steinitz deserves total credit for the spiritual and social growth that prevails within our congregation. I am proud to have wit-

nessed his ascension to our pulpit during the term of my presidency. Our community in large has much to be thankful for!

But, I would be remiss if I didn't speak about a mournful subject. A subject that saddens my days and diminishes the bright light that shines on CKA. The passing of two iconic members whose memory of goodness and teachings' I hope none of us ever forget. The loss of Jeff Etkind, a teacher, friend and lifelong member of the Elmira Jewish community impacted us greatly in 2016. Services and the high holidays just weren't the same without his cheery demeanor and positive outlook on life. Our recent loss is still surreal to most of us and I don't think anyone can imagine CKA without Rabbi Abe Golos. Abe was nothing short of a "Mensch," a righteous, humble, honest and sincere man. Having had the great privilege to know Abe throughout my entire life I now feel blessed. His humility, intelli-

gence, caring and decency proved daily that goodness does indeed exist. Never will his legacy be forgotten in our Jewish community nor outside the walls of CKA as well. My heartfelt sympathies go to Loda and the entire Golos family.

This article was the most difficult to write as we've come to an end of an era, but I would like to thank everyone for all the cooperation and guidance over the last two years. I appreciate all the support from the Board of Trustees, members, employees and encourage everyone to keep getting involved! Thank you for committing so many hours to our community and supporting our vision. Lastly, best wishes to the incoming President Mike Lenzner. Good luck and may the odds be ever in your favor, we've only just begun!

From my family to yours,
Shalom

Shabbat Services

except as noted below

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

Noteworthy Upcoming Religious Observances

Friday, June 2		Friday, June 30	
Family Shabbat Service	7:30 PM	Musical Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Friday, June 9		Saturday, July 1	
Shabbat Evening Service	7:30 PM	Shabbat Morning Service	10:00 AM
		Hannah Doerksen Goldwater Bat Mitzvah	
Saturday, June 10			
Torah Yoga	9:00 AM		
Shabbat Ruach	10:00 AM		
High School Scholarships Presentation			

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.

from Rabbi Oren Steinitz



Eulogy given at the funeral of Rabbi Abe Golos

Rabbi Abraham Golos – Abe to all who knew him – was born here in Elmira in 1929 to the late Phillip and Ida Golos. Brother to Ellery and the late Frances and Natalie; Husband to Loda; father to Cindy, Anita and Mark, father-in-law to Sharon; grandfather to Joe and April, Aaron and Breanne, Rachel, Geoff and Rena, and Ryan; Great grandfather to Malakai, Phoebe, Zoe, Dexter and Miasia. A US Army veteran, University of Rochester and University of Michigan alumnus, and an attorney of law.

Abe was a pillar of the Elmira Jewish community, as well as the Elmira community at large, in every sense of the word. Rabbi Mitchell Silverstein, who served Congregation Shomray Hadath in the early eighties wrote to me that “nobody was more quintessentially Elmira than Abe Golos.” He took a lot of pride in the town, in its history and its residence. He was a lifelong member of Congregation Shomray Hadath, and later Congregation Kol Ami, and served them in every possible capacity – from a “Jew in the Pew,” Ritual Chair, and President to – finally – as Spiritual Leader for seven years.

One of the questions that the Rabbinical Assembly’s *Rabbi’s Manual* suggests asking the family of a recently deceased person is “what did Judaism mean to him?” In Abe’s case, this question is both exceptionally appropriate, and almost redundant. Abe lived and breathed *yiddishkeit* – he was a religious man with every bone in his body. He loved everything Judaism had to offer – loved to study Torah, loved to pray, and loved participating in acts of kindness. Despite – or perhaps because of – his strong religious beliefs, Abe never hesitated to question traditions, argue relentlessly with rabbis, or adapt his personal practices according to what he really believed. Regardless of his Orthodox upbringing, and his own traditional views, he was very cognizant of Judaism being a living tradition, and was not opposed to changes in the liturgy or the style of

the service, even when he himself did not like them. He knew that changes must happen in order to keep the congregation moving forward, and that was his primary concern. “It is not for me,” he often told me when discussing ritual changes, “but it is the right choice for the congregation.”

Even though he saw his legal career as a true calling, rather than simply a livelihood, Abe mentioned to me many times that he often wondered if he really should have been a rabbi. As some of you know, Abe did apply to the Jewish Institute of Religion, a Reform rabbinical school, after graduating from the University of Rochester. However, due to a glitch in the registration system, he was offered a January rather than a September admission. Abe’s mother, who was worried that if he did not start graduate school in September he would get drafted immediately, hid the acceptance letter from him and Abe ended up going to law school.

Abe’s lack of formal rabbinic training did not diminish his excellent synagogue and ritual skills. He was a wonderful *davvener*, and was very well versed in accurate traditional *nussach*. He chanted Torah and Haftarah on a regular basis, and most importantly – had admirable people skills that made people trust him immediately. Over the last few days I talked to several CSH rabbis who all used the word “mentor.” “Everything I knew about how to run a synagogue I learned from Abe Golos,” one of them told me. It was only natural that when Congregation Shomray Hadath found itself without a rabbi, that Abe would take on the position of Spiritual Leader. As he hated the title “Reverend,” he was addressed as “Mr. Golos,” or simply “Abe,” but whenever I called him up for an Aliyah I would use refer to him as *Moreinu* – “Our Teacher,” or as “Reb Avraham” – a Yiddish honorific. When Abe was hospitalized last week I asked him if I could give him *s’michah* – a private rabbinic ordination. “It will probably not get you a job,” I told him, “but it will be a sign of our appreciation of all your work.” To my surprise, Abe im-

mediately agreed and thanked me, and was very happy to tell his family about his newly acquired title.

According to the Midrash, some have the dignity of old age without the length of days, while others have the length of days without the dignity of old age; but in the case of our father Abraham, dignity coincided with the length of days. This is indeed the case with Rabbi Abraham Golos – he enjoyed longevity while remaining vital and sharp until the very end.

I will miss you terribly, Abe – my friend and rabbi. I will miss our conversations; I will miss your sense of humor and your little jokes, and will even miss your curious Star Trek obsession. But most of all, I am sure all of us will miss your *menschlichkeit*. It is very difficult to imagine CKA without Abe’s presence. It will be a very different place without him.

Rabbi Abraham Golos

מורנו הרב אברהם בן נפתלי שרגא
וחיה פיגע ז"ל

May your memory be a blessing.

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.

All information for the July–August issue of the *Kol Ami* must be submitted to one of the organizational offices by **June 12**. Please be sure that all dates are on the JCF calendar.

CKA Donations

Flowers for the Bimah

- ✧ June 16: in memory Bett Komer by Stu & Judy Komer
- ✧ June 23: In memory Josef Stein by Ed Brandt

Air Conditioning Fund

- ✧ In memory of Mary Ellen Hunter by Diane Thalheimer
- ✧ Jane Goldsmith
- ✧ Gil & Harriet Sweet
- ✧ Phyllis & Paul Shore

CKA Educational Fund

- ✧ In honor of Barbara Dickinson by Linda Levine Fox
- ✧ In memory of Rabbi Abe Golos by Linda Levine Fox
- ✧ In Memory of Gertrude Metz by Linda Levine Fox

General Fund

- ✧ In memory of Shirley Lenhardt by Terry & Marcia Lenhardt
- ✧ In memory of Eleanor Berman by Marcia & Terry Lenhardt
- ✧ In honor of Mort Sadinsky's birthday by Myra & Jerry Stemerman
- ✧ In memory of Maurice Stemerman by Jerry and Myra Stemerman
- ✧ In honor of Abe Golos's Bar Mitzvah anniversary by Marsha Stemerman
- ✧ In honor of Phyllis & Paul Shores 60th wedding anniversary by Nancy Hertzog
- ✧ In memory of Mollie Burtnick by Sid Burtnick

- ✧ In memory of Anthony Burtnick by Sid Burtnick
- ✧ In memory of Mary Ellen Hunter by Jane Goldsmith
- ✧ In honor of Loda Golos by Darryl and Maggie Hoffman
- ✧ In memory of Mary Ellen Hunter by Gil and Harriet Sweet

In memory of Rabbi Abe Golos

- ✧ Anita and Lee Adelsberg
- ✧ Mr. and Mrs. John Boedicker
- ✧ Barbara Dickinson
- ✧ Norman Fidelman
- ✧ Barbara H. Fixler
- ✧ Floriett Herman and family
- ✧ Darryl and Maggie Hoffman
- ✧ Dorothy Jacobson
- ✧ Sarah Jacobson
- ✧ Stephen Kondrk and Bill Maloney
- ✧ Jennifer and Joe Krueger
- ✧ Richard Rosenberg and Margot Bliven
- ✧ Louise, Ross and Jean Schwaber, Stephanie and Paul Morcone
- ✧ John and Linda Short
- ✧ Karen Smoller and Louis Lippman
- ✧ Gil and Harriet Sweet

Marvin & Shirley Rubin Scholarship Fund

- ✧ In honor of Rabbi Abe Golos's Bar Mitzvah anniversary by Andra & Richard Frank
- ✧ In memory of Mary Ellen Hunter by Andra & Richard Frank
- ✧ Speedy recovery for Liza Robbins Theuman by Andra & Richard Frank

Joseph Stein Endowment Fund

- ✧ In memory of Rabbi Abe Golos by Cynthia & John Massey
- ✧ In honor of Phyllis & Paul Shore's 60th wedding anniversary by Cynthia & John Massey

Memorials and Honors

Scroll of Life Sapphire

- ✧ In honor of Myra Stemerman's 80th birthday by Sheri & Doug Reynolds, Mindy & Nick Misnick, Marcia & Terry Lenhardt and Diane & Larry Berman.
 - ✧ In memory of Rabbi Abe Golos by Mollie Sherman
- ### Scroll of Life Pearl
- ✧ In memory of Mary Ellen Hunter by Mollie Sherman

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- ✧ In memory of Shirley Halperin by the Halperin family
 - ✧ In memory of Meredith Moore by Scott and Sharon Sitrin-Moore
- ### In memory of Rabbi Abe Golos
- ✧ Sid and Jo Graubard
 - ✧ Lori Hesselson
 - ✧ Hilde and Herb Robbins and family
 - ✧ Ann & Jeff Sigel
 - ✧ Scott and Sharon Sitrin-Moore
 - ✧ A. J. van den Blink

Sanford Barcus Historical Fund

- ✧ In memory of Abe Golos from the Barcus family

Weekly Torah/Haftarah Portions & Candle Lighting

<p>June 2-3 8:20 PM <i>Naso</i> Torah Num. 4:21-7:89 Pr. Judges 13:2-25</p>	<p>June 9-10 8:24 PM <i>Beha'alotecha</i> Torah Num 8:1-12:16 Deut. 25:17-19 Pr. Zech. 2:14-4:7</p>	<p>June 16-17 8:27 PM <i>Sh'lach Lecha</i> Torah Num. 13:1-15:41 Pr. Joshua 2:1-24</p>	<p>June 23-24 8:29 PM <i>Korach</i> Torah Num. 16:1-18:32; Num. 28:9-15 Pr. Isaiah 66:1-24</p>	<p>June 30-July 1 8:20 PM <i>Chukat</i> Torah Num. 19:1-22:1 Pr. Judges 11:1-33</p>
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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

June	Sivan	10	16	20	26
1 Irene Brody	7	10 Dudley "Duff" Leavitt	16	20 Abraham Lande	26
1 Kenneth Davis	7	10 Rose Winnick	16	20 Frances Kronenthal	26
1 Samuel Givertzman	7	11 Rose Stemerman	17	20 Julius Rubin	26
1 Irene Kahn	7	11 Marilyn Buchsbaum	17	21 Bertha Rubin	27
1 Esther Silverman	7	11 Max Jerome	17	21 Florence Seltzer	27
1 Jacob B. Eberhart	7	11 Vivian Pensky	17	21 Celia Platt	27
1 Joseph Etkind	7	11 Rebecca Platt	17	21 Bertha Rubin	27
1 Ralph Etkind	7	12 Eva Kreinson	18	21 Rose Stemerman	27
1 Harry Rubenstein	7	12 Irving Eagle	18	21 Fannie Warshaw	27
1 Bess Rubin	7	12 Frances Kahn	18	22 Ida Kahn	28
1 Abraham Siskin	7	12 Stella Padia	18	22 Sheila Schweitzer	28
2 Morris Barash	8	13 Jennie Appel	19	23 Celia Frank	29
2 Evelyn Stein	8	13 Rubin Adelsberg	19	23 Julius Rubin	29
2 Max Golos	8	12 Frances S. Lovitch	19	23 Esther Honig	29
2 Vivian Pensky	8	13 Ethel Delphinus	19	23 Marcus Hoppe	29
3 Morris Dobromil	9	13 Mollie Rosenbloom	19	23 Maxwell L. Paltrowitz	29
3 Macy Kantz	9	13 Celia Rosencranz	19	23 Bessie Stemerman	29
3 Pauline Rinde	9	13 Bess Rubin	19	23 Annie Baltimore	29
3 Suzanne Hersch	9	13 Tiba Yaras Rubin	19	24 Patricia Platt	30
3 Ira Kingdon-Wolfe	9	13 Malcolm Winnick	19	24 Maurice Kohn	30
3 Max Rosenheck	9	13 Saul Siskin	19	24 Barney Solomon	30
4 Albert Zeman	9	13 Etta Wladis	19	24 Etta Wladis	30
4 Lewis Beckwith	10	13 Rose Braude	19		
4 Louis Weinstein	10	14 Ida Doran	20	June	Tammuz
4 Maurice Radin	10	14 Rose Hoppe	20	25 Minnette Kepnis	1
5 Ben Jerome	11	14 Rose Hoppe	20	25 Irving L. Handlin	1
5 Louis Newkrug	11	14 Samuel Leveton	20	25 Abe Baltimore	1
5 Susan Adelsberg	11	14 Fannie Solomon	20	25 Selma Leibman	1
5 Sadie Amsel	11	14 Raymond Warshaw	20	25 Alex Baltimore	1
5 Milton Cohen	11	15 Philip Platt	21	25 Ann Baron	1
5 Rezeal T. Kantz	11	15 Abraham Stemerman	21	25 Ann Baron	1
5 Mollie Katz	11	15 Ruth Kornfeld	21	25 Sydell Wolosky	1
5 Hyman Phillips	11	15 Dr. Werner Bloch	21	26 Herman Ray Pell	2
5 Janet Abelson	11	15 Pauline Hoffman	21	26 Philip Dreer	2
6 Aaron Epstein	12	15 Benjamin Jerome	21	26 Ida Kahn	2
6 Aaron Etkind	12	16 Sarah H. Cohen	22	26 Esther Savers	2
6 Rosalia Johnson	12	16 Abraham Wladis	22	26 Betty (Betts) Komer	2
6 Reuben Margolis	12	16 Rebecca Hoffman	22	26 Marian Wertheimer	2
6 Lillian Burrell	12	16 Martin Radin	22	27 Isaac Goldberger	3
7 Leah Breaman	13	17 Edmond S. Koenig	23	27 Josef Stein	3
7 Harry Rubinstein	13	17 Regina Tobias Mark	23	27 Horace Cohen	3
7 Harold Schwalb	13	17 Yosef Greene	23	27 David Weimer	3
7 Wolf M. Spiegel	13	17 Arthur Loeb	23	28 Abraham Rubinstein	4
8 Hoda Epstein	14	18 Louie Ogrinc	24	28 Barney Solomon	4
8 Leah Bregman	14	18 Abraham Wladis	24	28 Ralph Allen Hoffman	4
8 Sarah Broder	14	18 Frances Kahn	24	28 Malcolm Winnick	4
8 Jacob Caplan	14	18 Issac Desky	24	29 Bernard Braunstein	5
9 Lena Fidelman	14	18 Saul Siskin	24	29 Ruth Kornfeld	5
9 Irene Burtnick	14	18 Solomon Bloch	24	29 Shirley Pollack	5
9 Dina Jacobson	15	19 Solomon Bloch	24	29 Kune Gabalewitsch	5
9 Johanna Lorey	15	19 Milton Paltrowitz	24	30 Lena Fidelman	6
9 George Scheps	15	19 Julius R. Rubin	24	30 Sarah H. Cohen	6
10 Joseph Johnson	16	19 Ida Doran	25	30 Jennie Herman	6
10 Bertha Lande	16	19 Abraham Rubinstein	25	30 Rose Shulman	6
10 S. Gerald Horwitz	16	20 David Weimer	25		
		20 Mildred Handler	26	<i>Names of Confederate soldiers buried in Woodlawn Cemetery are included above</i>	
		20 Frances S. Lovitch	26		
		20 Steve Golby	26		

Jewish Center and Federation



from President Marcus Kantz

I'm writing this on Mother's Day before we head out for dinner with friends. And I don't even have to fill out a Building Use Form. But back to the topic at hand: friends. These friends are not from the synagogue, or even the Jewish Community. They're from the outside world, known as the Twin Tiers. They're typical of people from the Twin Tiers. In other words, they're nice. That's why we moved here, almost six years ago, because people here are nice. People are friendly. People are considerate. People care about one another.

Now, putting on my hat of JCF Prez (and CKA Board Member, to boot), I'd like to suggest that we as a community ought to work harder to socialize and participate more with the outside community. Of course, we should, just on general principles, but especially because they are nice. There have been some interesting opportunities for cross-fertilization lately, like the holocaust events, the mosque opening, and a number of wide-appeal movies, to say nothing of the JFF.

We in the JCF have been trying to plan a big community event, but it's

still far in the future, I'm afraid, so I'm asking for suggestions for simple, inexpensive (both in terms of money and labor) and fun things that we might schedule, organize or arrange at which we could join with the wider community, not just once but maybe even regularly.

So, please put on your thinking caps and email the JCF office with your thoughts and suggestions. Thanks in advance.

June film is Israeli comedy

The JCF's film for June is *The Policeman*, an Israeli comedy by the famed writer and director Efraim Kishon.

Shaike Ophir stars as Constable Avraham Azulai, a kind policeman—*too* kind. His love for everyone is matched only by his loyalty to the Jaffa police force.

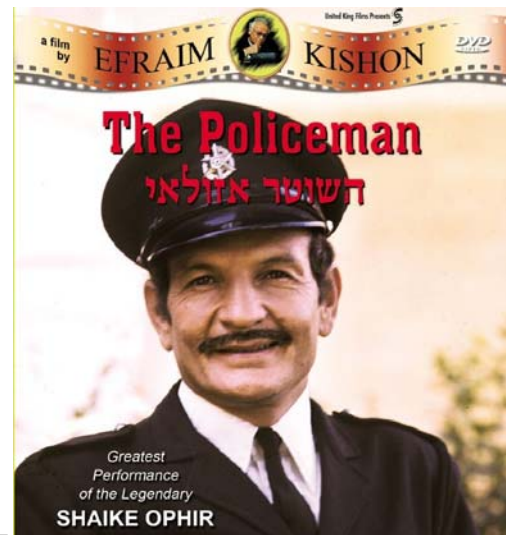
Unfortunately, he's not a good police officer. He feels sorry for small-time crooks and lets them off the hook. He even pays for the speeding tickets that he issues.

The police department celebrates when his contract is ending, but the criminals of Jaffa know that, without him on the force, their whole operation could disintegrate.

So they design a perfect crime for him to solve, prove his worth, and keep his job—if only he were competent enough to solve it.

The Policeman was nominated for an Oscar for best foreign-language film, and won the Golden Globe award for best foreign-language film.

It's in Hebrew with English subtitles. We'll see it on Monday, June 5, at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free.



JCF Donations

UJA Campaign

☆ Gil and Harriet Sweet

Kurt Wohl Memorial Food Drive

- ☆ Anonymous
- ☆ CC Legislator & Mrs. Sidney Graubard
- ☆ Loda & Abraham Golos
- ☆ Carole Hoffman
- ☆ Charlotte & Marcus Kantz

- ☆ Susan & Neil Portnoff
- ☆ Sheila & Leslie Rachlin
- ☆ Margo Bliven & Richard Rosenberg
- ☆ Phyllis & Paul Shore
- ☆ Marian E. Solomon
- ☆ Robin Staver
- ☆ Myra & Jerald Stemerman
- ☆ Rosalyn Wladis
- ☆ Annie & Murray Werner

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from Executive Director Paul Solyn



In May the mayor of Charlottesville, Va., Mike Signer, was subjected to a number of anti-Semitic verbal attacks after the city removed a monument to Confederate general Robert E. Lee.

They were not the only personal attacks—one other denounced him as a Bolshevik—but it was the first time I can remember that a Jewish official at any level of government was openly attacked as a Jew.

Signer says that he has received far more supportive comments than complaints or threats. As far as I know, the Confederacy was not a specifically Christian, or even religious, cause; the Confederate army had numerous Jewish soldiers, including officers.

Most of the negative comments were posts on Twitter, which doesn't require the use of real names. It was reported that many of the protestors in Charlottesville came from outside the area.

Before we injure ourselves through patting ourselves on the back for being free of comparable prejudices, however, we should think about how unprejudiced we really are.

Most of us would probably never speak openly or act against a person or group because of racial or ethnic

prejudice, but within our own community it is not unknown to hear negative remarks based on religion—mostly now against Muslims, but not always. The real question, however, is the extent to which we're influenced by prejudices of which we are barely conscious.

So here's a test. Imagine that you're in a checkout line, and the customers in front of you are presenting difficulty. Maybe they're digging in pockets to find dollar bills and coins to pay for the merchandise, or their debit card isn't working. Maybe they're questioning a price, or are rifling through a large stack of coupons. They're holding up the line and annoying everyone behind them.

Now imagine that those customers are recognizably different from you. Maybe their skin color is different, or they speak English with an accent. Or perhaps they're wearing distinctive religious garb.

Does it affect how you feel about them? Does a derogatory term come to your mind, even for an instant? For Americans of my generation, it often does, and that shows that we still need to make an effort not to act on prejudices, even if they're largely un-

conscious. The thought doesn't have to be followed consciously for it to have an effect.

Except for those of us born after about 1990, no matter how unprejudiced we consider ourselves, we're not completely free of the negative attitudes toward other groups that were everywhere when we were young, or when our parents were. Those of us born in the 1950s had to learn that such prejudices were wrong, and as adults we may still harbor them.

Fortunately, things have begun to change. When Dr. Amanda Sharp taught a high-school class in the Jewish Community School on the involvement of Jews in the civil-rights movement, the students had difficulty identifying with the topic. It wasn't just that it dealt mostly with the 1960s, which they considered almost antiquity, but also that most could not even imagine that segregation ever existed in the United States or that it was legal.

Nevertheless, we're seeing an increase in open expressions of prejudice. Much of this seems to be a reaction to the progress that America has made, so we still have far to go.

Birthdays

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|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Susan Cadel | 11 Sylvia Friedman | 17 Zsuzsana Kadar |
| 1 Seth Green | 11 Alex Porter | 20 Lauren Peffer |
| 2 Gia Isabella Kadar | 11 Gertrude Webber | 20 Caren Douenias |
| 4 Jane Pascar | 11 David Siskin | 23 Natalie Steinmetz |
| 6 Gabriel Herbst | 12 Meredith Moore | 24 Jonathan Friedman |
| 7 Jeffrey Sigel | 14 Nanette L. Barcus | 24 David Sussman |
| 9 Lynnette Lenzner | 14 Hunter Lares | 25 Bradley Holtzman |
| 9 Risa Salsburg | 15 Erica Herman | 26 Marc Hample |
| 10 Elijah Liebson | 15 Daniel Pascar | |

Be a Friend of Jewish Life! Become a member of the Jewish Center & Federation or renew your membership for 5778. Join or renew at the JCF annual meeting on June 20 (you'll receive a free candy bar then), or online at www.twintiersjewishcommunity.com.

Jewish Community School



from Director Jeff Rosenheck

It is hard to believe that we are coming to a close of the 5777 Jewish Community School. It seems like yesterday we were gearing up for another fun and exciting year, yet we have already reached the end. I want to thank everyone—parents, staff, students, and the general community—for yet another successful year. It has been an honor to serve as the school director again, and I can not wait to do it again next year!

May was a short month with Mother's Day holiday as well as Memorial Day, however, the community was able to join together on May 7, 2017, for a memorial classroom dedication to former educator and member, Jeffrey Etkind who passed away this past September. The plaque dedicates classroom 1 downstairs, at the base of the staircase, to Jeff. I encourage everyone to stop by and see the beautiful monument to Jeff and his 36 years of selfless devotion to the JCS. I wish to thank everyone that participated in

making this a reality.

Also in May, teacher Kathy Rosenheck attended a seminar in Watkins Glen on dealing with "Behavior and Beyond: Critical Elements of an Effective Home and School Environment for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders." The one day seminar focused on children from birth through first grade. Eileen Pollack will be attending the course in June that targets children in second grade through high school. The teacher's that attend will then present to the staff at our August meeting. I thank them all for attending the conference.

May also brought about a community meeting held by the West Elmira Police Department. I want to thank everyone that came to the meeting and Emily Dobbs for providing childcare. I hope that those whom attended now feel an enhanced sense of security, and are better prepared to handle or spot suspicious activity before it occurs. I want to thank the leadership

of JCF, CKA, JCS and Sisterhood for being part of monthly security meetings to better enhance our building and community from threats and disasters. I am hoping to continue working with the West Elmira Police in hopes to provide an officer to visit the school on Sunday's in the fall.

The last day of virtual classes will be held on June 8, and the last formal day of school for the year will be held on Sunday, June 11. The entire community is welcome to attend our closing ceremonies and ice cream social, beginning at 11:30 a.m. School registration packets will be available for the 5778 school year at this event.

A special thanks to everyone for another successful school year. I wish everyone a very safe and pleasant summer break and look forward to seeing everyone in the fall. The summer 2017 issue of Kol Ami will feature exciting changes for the upcoming school year.

Class News

Ganon/Gan Yeladim (Pre-K & K): May was a short, but busy month for our class. We are finishing up the last few lessons in our Shalom Sesame curriculum. This was new for us this year and lots of fun. It included some familiar Sesame Street characters, like Grover; as well as some new friends like Brosh, Avigail and Moshe Oofnik (a cousin to Oscar the Grouch).

We have also enjoyed sharing our music time with Mrs. Moran's class. Singing along with other students has helped us to learn both words and melodies. As one of our final projects for the year, we are learning to count in Hebrew. *Kathy Rosenheck*

Kitot Alef (Grade 1): The Alef class enjoyed a productive and event-filled year. The students completed the series *House of God*, about the synagogue

and worship. They had to opportunity to visit the sanctuary; learn about ritualistic objects and their use in the prayer service. The class enjoyed celebrating the Jewish holidays with stories, art projects, dance and songs. For Tu Bishvat and Pesach, the students attended Seders led by Rabbi Steinitz. The students baked Hamantashen for Purim and made clay hanukkiot. The class completed *Jewish Values from Alef to Tav*. The stories delve into Jewish values and how they influence our lives. Many times, the stories contain concepts which allow for class discussion. Here is an example of a few of the values covered in the text: why it is important to help others even if we don't know the person; how understanding and comforting another person can help both people feel better; why working to be a better person

helps build a stronger Jewish community and world; why it is important to protect Nature and the environment; how to deal fairly with people; how to make an agreement or covenant; how to help people by working together and treating people with respect.

Students worked in *Journeys Through the Alef-Bet*. In addition, students made their own illustrated books on the Alef-Bet. We reinforced learning by working on the white board and drawing the letters.

Besides learning about Judaism, the students had the opportunity to get to know each other and become part of our Jewish community. The year went by very fast! I hope everyone has a happy and safe summer break.

Rivka Miran

continued

Kitot Hay & Vav (Grades 5 & 6):

So this year comes to an end. It has been my joy to work with and learn from your children. Grade 5 made it through most of *Journeying Through Life*. Grade 6 made it though *The Jewish Holidays* and *Jewish Heroes, Jewish Values* (which was their favorite text). I believe we will finish up *Min Ha'aretz* next year. I wish to thank you all for your support, patience and understanding during my recovery and I look forward to working and growing with your children next year. We have much to learn together. Wishing you all health, prosperity and joy over the summer months.

Eileen Pollack

Grades 7 & 8: We will be finishing our school year but not our opportunities to actively pursue Jewish social action and mitzvahs. We will continue to look at the world around us with a Jewish sensibility knowing that life has opportunities for us to do more good than bad.

Amanda Sharp

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

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



Bat Mitzvah

Please join the Doerksen-Goldwater family on Saturday, July 1, at 10:00 AM as Hannah Doerksen Goldwater is called to the Bimah as a Bat Mitzvah. You are cordially invited to join them 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 May 4 and June 1. 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.

Anniversaries

- 1 Sharon & Daniel Sporn
- 13 Carol & Edwin Braunstein
- 19 Beth & Lee Herbst
- 23 Marilyn & Alex Rabinowitz
- 26 Lynn & Michael Lloyd
- 26 Lauren & Lloyd Peffer
- 27 Elizabeth & John Goldman

In Memoriam

Our heartfelt condolences to Loda Golos, Cindy Golos, Anita Mayer, Marc & Sharon Greenberg and families on the passing of husband, father, grandfather & great-grandfather, Rabbi Abraham Golos. *Zich' rono Liv' rachah*, may his memory be for a blessing.

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.

Musical Shabbat Service with Sue Amisano

Friday, June 30
7:30 p.m.

The Sisterhood of Congregation Kol Ami
invites you to our

Donor Dinner 2017

Tuesday, June 13, 2017, at 6:00 PM

Hilton Garden Inn
Horseheads, NY

*“Curiosities of Elmira:
The Stuff They Didn’t Teach You in School”*

as presented by
Kelli Huggins from the **Chemung County Historical Society**

Hors d’Oeuvres and Cash Bar
Buffet Dinner \$28.00

Tossed Mixed Green Salad	Chef’s Choice of Seasonal Fresh Vegetables
Baked Haddock	Oven Roasted Herbed Red Bliss Potatoes
Chicken Parmesan	Warm Rustic Dinner Rolls & Cream Butter
Vegetable Lasagna	Coffee and Hot Tea
Dessert: Fresh Strawberry Shortcake	

This is our annual fund-raising event and we appreciate your contribution
to Sisterhood.

Please mail your reservations and payment* by Monday, June 5, to
Congregation Kol Ami, 1008 W. Water Street, Elmira, NY 14905.

Dinner	\$28 per person
Donations	
Donor	\$36
Patron	\$50
Sponsor	\$75
Benefactor	\$100
Angel	over \$100

* Please make check payable to CKA Sisterhood. Thank you!!

Jewish Community Calendar

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Community Kitchen JCS Virtual Class	2 CKA 7:30 pm Family Shabbat Service	3 CKA 8:00 am Shabbat Service 9:00 am Shabbat Service
4 JCS 9:00 am –12:15 pm	5 JCF 7:00 pm Film <i>The Policeman</i>	6	7	8 JCS Virtual Class Last day of Virtual Class	9 CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	10 CKA 9:00 am Torah Yoga 10:00 am Shabbat Ruach
11 JCS 9:00 am –12:15 pm 11:30 am Closing Ceremonies CKA 9:00 am Annual Meeting	12	13 CKA Sisterhood 6:00 pm Donor Dinner Hilton Garden Inn	14 Flag Day CKA 12:00 pm Book Club	15	16 CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	17 CKA 8:00 am Shabbat Service 9:00 am Shabbat Service
18 Father's Day	19	20 JCF 5:30 pm BBQ 6:30 pm Annual Mtg.	21 CKA 7:00 pm Exec. Board 7:30 pm Board Meeting	22 CKA/JCF 11:00 am Calendar Clearing	23 CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	24 CKA 8:00 am Shabbat Service 9:00 am Shabbat Service
25 JFF 10:00 am Meeting	26	27	28	29	30 CKA 7:30 pm Musical Shabbat Service	

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