

KOL קול עמי AMI

Community memory forum Elmira's Jewish Eastside



What was Elmira's old Eastside like before redevelopment? What do people remember about the Jewish neighborhood?

Please join us for a community memory forum to learn about the grocery stories, bakeries, synagogues, and residents who made this vanished part of Elmira their home. Curators Maria Kennedy and Erin Doane will discuss research from the current exhibit "At the Jewish Table: Food, Family, and Heritage in Elmira," joined by David Siskin, Jerry Stemerman, and other community members. Bring your own memories to share, and contribute your story to the museum's oral history collection.

It's at the Chemung Valley History Museum, 415 East Water Street, Elmira, on Thursday, June 28, at 7:00 p.m.

—Maria Kennedy

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Congregation Kol Ami
Jewish Community School

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**Congregation Kol Ami
Annual Meeting
Sunday, June 10, 9:00 AM**

Jewish Center & Federation of the Twin Tiers

Annual Meeting & Barbecue

Tuesday, June 19, 5:30 PM

Reservations requested at
<https://jcf2018.eventbrite.com>

Congregation Kol Ami—כל עמי



from President Mike Lenzner

A piece of good news to start out this article...

One of the things I have thought about all my life is the question, "If a tree falls in a forest and nobody is there to hear it, does it make a sound?"

Well, the other day I found out the answer. I was walking through the forest alone and a tree fell right in front of me... and I didn't hear it.

My new question is: "If you tell a joke in the forest and nobody laughs, was it a joke?"

[*Editor's Note:* For those of you who don't know, he does not make up his own material and now I have a question. "If you are a President and you select unfunny jokes to write on a monthly basis, should you be allowed to continue writing on a monthly basis?"]

I am very pleased to be able to write this month's article.

Back in 2015, the Braunsteins and Stemermans recognized that our new congregation needed something to make our facility as special as our members.

They came up with the idea to make over the building's lower level. With a munificent donation, our "basement" was transformed into a "venue": a first-class, welcoming en-

tertainment center able to accommodate many types of programming including parties, dances, movies, plays, services, educational talks, and more. Additionally, the room contains an homage to our past with historical artifacts, photos and plaques. It is a room that has been proudly used by current members and is a great feature to show to potential new members and visitors.

As you likely have heard, a dedication for the Braunstein room along with a thanks to the Braunsteins and Stemermans is planned as part of our Annual Meeting on June 10. We very much hope you can join us for this special event.

To prepare for the dedication, I interviewed Ed Braunstein and asked him to share the origin of his magnanimous gesture. Ed responded: "Myra is a second generation member of our Congregation, as were my parents Bernard and Beverly. My parents taught me the importance of the Jewish Community from a very young age. They demonstrated their generosity in deeds and not just words. It made a lasting impression on me.

"I have known the Stemerman family for many years and I have seen the same values and commit-

ment in their words and deeds.

"Our parents' impact upon Marc Stemerman, me and our families has been profound. I believe Marc and I are much better people because of the 'pay it forward' approach we were taught. We decided to create the Braunstein Room as a lasting gift that will demonstrate to and remind our children about the importance of charity and the importance of the Jewish community."

Well said, Ed.

One last thing I am proud to report is that the Board voted overwhelmingly *not* to raise dues this year for our members who pay the full contribution rate. We have increasing expenses and flat revenues; however we have faith that we have the potential to compensate in other ways.

We will be describing some of these ideas at the Annual Meeting prior to the dedication. I believe you will see that these ideas are "painless" and some are actually fun! We believe this is the direction we need to take to grow our membership and be financially solvent.

I know we will be able to count on you. Thanks.

CKA Book Club 2017–2018

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

June 6

*It's All Relative: Adventures Up and Down
the World's Family Tree* by A. J. Jacobs

The books are available in the CKA library, the public library, or
for purchase. Come join us each month and
don't forget to bring your lunch!

Adult Education

Open to the entire community

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

Mondays, June 4, 11, 18, and 25 at 7:30 p.m.: "Talmud for Non-Talmudists" with Rabbi Oren Steinitz.

Thursday, June 7 at 7:00 p.m.: "Pray What You Mean, Mean What You Pray" with Maggid Paul Solyn.

from Rabbi Oren Steinitz



It took a lot longer than I ever expected it to, but we can finally say *she'hechyanu*, and celebrate the completion of our own congregational prayer book! By the time this article arrives in your mail boxes, I expect that the cases of the beautifully designed (thank you Marc Rubin for your amazing work, as always) hard cover books will have arrived, and the siddurim will be put to use, replacing the temporary paper-back edition that we have used for the past year. We made sure to order enough copies, not only for both our sanctuaries, but also for congregants who might want to buy a copy to have in their homes.

As we wrote in the book's introduction, this siddur is the result of a concentrated effort to create a prayer book that will be suitable for use in the various unique services offered at CKA. 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. Creating such a book is a challenging task, and we can only hope that our best efforts have succeeded.

Part of what makes the new book unique is that special care was given to providing clear instructions – when does one stand or sit down, when is the ark opened or closed, and what is recited by the prayer leader and what is the congregational response. I am particularly grateful to Marcus Kantz and Susan Cadel for insisting on every little detail, reminding me that we cannot assume that anything is “common knowledge.”

The detailed instructions are not only meant to assist congregants who would like to participate more often in services, but also “demystify” the process of leading a

service. I have spoken many times on our dire need to train more people who can assist in leading services, and it is my hope that the new book will convince more aspiring leaders that the task is not as daunting as they thought.

Like with any ritual change, the new siddur may take some getting used to. Our regular service-goers are already used to certain page numbers that may have shifted in the new edition, or particular wordings that had to change for some reason or another. In order to make the transition as smooth as possible, it is my plan to hold an informational session about the new book as soon as the copies arrive, in which I will present what is new, what remained the same, what are the different options are for services, and more. Stay tuned for more details!

Shabbat Services

except as noted below

Shabbat Evening Service	7:30 PM	
Shabbat Morning Service	8:00 AM	
Shabbat Morning Service	9:00 AM	<i>with Torah reading</i>

Noteworthy Upcoming Religious Observances

Friday, June 8		Friday, June 29	
Shabbat Evening Service	7:30 PM	Musical Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Saturday, June 9		Saturday, June 30	
Torah Yoga	9:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service	8:00 AM
Shabbat Ruach Service with Rubin Scholarship awards	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service	9:00 AM

Weekly Torah/Haftarah Portions & Candle Lighting

June 1–2 8:19 PM <i>Behalotecha</i> Torah Numbers 8:1–12:16 Pr. Zechariah 2:14–4:7	June 8–9 8:24 PM <i>Shelach</i> Torah Numbers 13:1–15:41 Pr. Joshua 2:1–24	June 15–16 8:27 PM <i>Korach</i> Torah Numbers 16:1–18:32 Pr. I Samuel 11:14–12:22	June 22–23 8:29 PM <i>Chukkat</i> Torah Numbers 19:1–22:1 Pr. Judges 11:1–33	June 29–30 8:29 PM <i>Balak</i> Torah Numbers 22:2–25:9 Pr. Micah 5:6–6:8
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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

- ✧ June 8: In celebration of the Sabbath by John & Joanne Travers
- ✧ June 15: In memory of Betts Komer by Stu & Judy Komer

Congregational Education Fund

- ✧ In memory of Gertrude Metz by Linda Fox

General Fund

- ✧ Congratulations to Myra & Jerry Stemerman on the bar mitzvah of grandson Charlie Stemerman by Carole Hoffman
- ✧ In memory of Marion Stemerman Kaplan by Marsha Stemerman
- ✧ In honor of our new grandbaby, Monroe Olivia Stemerman, by Myra & Jerry Stemerman
- ✧ In memory of Marion Stemerman Kaplan by Myra & Jerry Stemerman

- ✧ In honor of my parents, Myra & Jerry Stemerman, by Marc Stemerman
- ✧ Happy birthday with love to Myra Stemerman by Roslyn Greenfield
- ✧ Congratulations to Cynthia & John Massey on the birth of new granddaughter, Katherine Sarah, by Suzanne & Tom Hesselson
- ✧ Congratulations to Myra & Jerry Stemerman on the birth of new granddaughter Monroe Olivia, by Suzanne and Tom Hesselson
- ✧ Congratulations to Myra & Jerry Stemerman on the bar mitzvah of grandson Charlie Stemerman, by Suzanne & Tom Hesselson
- ✧ Congratulations to Shelia & Jeff Katz on the birth of grandson, Jonah Jerome Katz by Suzanne & Tom Hesselson
- ✧ Congratulations to Myra & Jerry Stemerman on the birth of new granddaughter, Monroe Olivia, by

- Sheri & Doug Reynolds & Mindy & Nick Misnick
- ✧ In memory of Maurice Stemerman by Myra & Jerry Stemerman

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 Cecile Fuchs by Leonard Schreiber
- ✧ In memory of Shirley Halperin by the Halperin Family
- ✧ In memory of Sydell Stern by Jeff & Ann Sigel
- ✧ In memory of Meredith Moore by Scott & Sharon Moore
- ✧ Healing for Jennifer Falek, daughter of Tom & Suzanne Hesselson, by Lee & Anita Adelsberg

June 12

Sisterhood Donor Dinner set

The Sisterhood of CKA is happy to announce their 2018 Donor Dinner on Tuesday, June 12, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, Horseheads. Our guest speaker for this once-a-year fund raiser is Dr. Lynn Pifer, professor of English at Mansfield University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Pifer has teaching and research interests in the literature of the Civil Rights Movement. Her talk for the sisterhood will concern tai chi, which she has been practicing since 2005. The title is "Moving Meditation: Tai Chi for Health and Harmony."

Dr. Pifer earned a black belt in tai chi at a traditional martial arts academy, but now practices without a belt at 171 Cedar Arts, the park, the hallway in front of her office—anywhere she can fit in a few minutes for exercise or relief from stress.

All sisterhood members and guest will enjoy dinner, the speaker, and several surprises. Please call the CKA office for your reservation by June 6.



Hospital Visits & Mi-shebeirach List

Due to HIPPA, no hospital can divulge names of patients unless a release is signed. Upon hospitalization, please complete necessary paperwork so that the CKA office and Rabbi Oren Steinitz will be notified, or call the CKA office.

The CKA office would appreciate being notified when one of your loved ones no longer needs our special prayers for them. This enables us to keep the Mi-shebeirach list up to date.

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AGES 9–11 YEARS

<http://www.pjourway.org>

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2018 Graduates



Maddy Kravitz is graduating from Notre Dame High School. She is the daughter of Jonathan & Debbie Kravitz. Maddy will be attending the University at Albany. She is undecided on her major, but looks forward to exploring her options.

Brandon Herbst is graduating from Athens Area High School. He is the son of Lee & Beth Herbst (Muhlenberg College, Class of 1990) and will be entering the pre-medicine program at Muhlenberg College.



Julian Thornton will be graduating from Watkins Glen High School and will be attending the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse to study environmental engineering. Julian is the son of Tobi Thornton & Levi Clark.

Mikayla Austin of Colorado Springs, Colo., granddaughter of Sharon DeHaas, will graduate from Cheyenne Mountain High School. Mikayla will attend the University of Colorado, Boulder, and will major in Biological and Biomedical Sciences.

Logan Maurer is graduating from Corning High school. He will be attending the University of Dayton. Logan is the son of Jessica and Mark Maurer and the grandson of Faith and Jim Gray.



Emily Austin will be graduating from Corning High School in June. She is shown here wearing her Honor Society cords. She will be attending the Wegman's School of Pharmacy at St. John Fisher College this fall. Emily is Gil and Harriet Sweet's oldest granddaughter.

Joshua Kartzman will be graduating from Horseheads High School. He is the son of David and Denise Kartzman, and will be attending Stony Brook University in the Computer Science honors program.



Samuel Rubin Cohen, son of Julie Adelsberg Cohen & Robert Cohen of Auburn, Ohio, grandson of Lee & Anita Adelsberg, will be graduating from Kenston High School and will attend The Ohio State University in the Honors program studying mathematics.



Kasey Lenzner will be graduating from Horseheads High School. Kasey is the daughter of Michael & Lynette Lenzner. She will attend Clemson University, majoring in Musical Theatre.

Lindsay Robbins, daughter of Carolyn and Paul Robbins, Penfield, NY, granddaughter of Hilde & Herb Robbins, is graduating from Brockport College with a degree in Public Health Education.



Eileen Cadel, daughter of proud parents Susan and Jeff Cadel, received her Ph.D. in bioengineering, with concentrations in biomedical product design and development from the University of Kansas. Eileen was a Madison & Lila Self Graduate Fellow.

Susan Goldman, daughter of John Goldman and Liz Walton, received an M.B.A. degree from Northwestern University, Kellogg School of Management. Susan has accepted a position with the Boston Consulting Group in Washington, D.C., as a consultant after graduation. She earned her B.A. from Wellesley College in 2011 and graduated from Elmira Free Academy in 2007.



Michael Goldman, son of John Goldman and Liz Walton, received a Ph.D. degree in physics from Harvard University. Michael is now a postdoctoral researcher for the Joint Quantum Institute at the University of Maryland. He earned his B.A. from Amherst College in 2008 and graduated from Elmira Free Academy in 2004.

Jewish Center and Federation



from President Marcus Kantz

With apologies to DuBose Heyward and the Gershwins

Summertime, and the GIVIN' is easy
Fish are jumpin' and the tem-
perature's high

Your daddy's not so rich, and your
ma is job-lookin'
But hush, little baby, we'll give help
a try.

Yes, it does seem that summer, or at least spring has sprung here in the Twin Tiers. No more shivering under blankets, or shoveling snow, or slip-sliding on the slush. We can finally get outside and enjoy the world. But not all of our neighbors can share that enjoyment. Many don't have jobs, or suitable housing, or clothing, or means of transportation, or even enough nourishing

food to eat. They need all kinds of help. And this summer is as good a time as any for us all to chip in and do our part. Call it Tzedakah, or charity, or do-gooding, or simply being decent human beings.

Both the Synagogue and the JCF offer a number of ways in which we, as individuals, can join in efforts to help, both with hard cold cash and with warm affectionate human assistance. From the various monetary funds to the monthly Community Kitchen. Many other organizations, like Meals on Wheels, Catholic Charities and various local governmental entities in the area also organize and offer opportunities to help people in need. Of course, there are also unlimited things that we can do as individuals and families, ways to give of our time and our

money, to help.

I'm not intending here to provide a laundry list of such opportunities. All I'm trying to say is that we should all take advantage of the heart-warming sunshine and flowers and greenery and, for many of us, time on our hands to try a little harder to do good in our community for those who need it.

Paraphrasing the second stanza of the song, I'm hoping we can sing:

One of these mornings you're gonna
rise up singing
And you'll spread your wings and
you'll take to the sky
But till that morning, there ain't
nothin' can harm you
With the Jewish community
standin' by.

A Tale of Love and Darkness

Natalie Portman stars in June film

Our June film, *A Tale of Love and Darkness*, is an adaptation of a best-selling autobiographical memoir by the Israeli writer Amos Oz.

Set in the early years of the State of Israel, it stars Natalie Portman as Fania, a young wife and mother in war-torn Jerusalem. Stifled in her relationship and weary from the tedium of her new life, Fania creates fantastical stories for Amos, her ten-year-old son, amazing him with tales of adventure and beauty—stories that would influence the boy to become a writer himself. We'll see it on Thursday, June 14, at 7:00 p.m. in



the Braunstein Community Room.

It's in Hebrew with English subtitles. The producers wanted to make the film in English, but Natalie Portman, who directed the film, held the film rights, and wrote the screenplay, insisted on using the language of Oz's book. It's rated PG-13.

It also stars Amir Tessler as Amos Oz and Gilad Kahana as his father. The *New York Times* called it "an elegant and intimate movie, a thing of nostalgic whispers and sighs rather than polemical slogans and shouts."

JCF Donations

Kurt Wohl Memorial Food Drive

- ✧ Irvin Appel
- ✧ Marjorie Hamilton
- ✧ Marc Hample
- ✧ Beth & Lee Herbst
- ✧ Marianna & Lenard Hirshman
- ✧ Carole Hoffman
- ✧ Charlotte & Marcus Kantz

- ✧ Linda & Murray Kaufman
- ✧ Hillary M. Krill
- ✧ Marian E. Solomon
- ✧ Nancy Nicastro
- ✧ James E. & Kristen Perle
- ✧ Marilyn & Alex Rabinowitz
- ✧ Richard Rosenberg & Margo Bliven

- ✧ April Semel
- ✧ Phyllis & Paul Shore
- ✧ Lev Shugol
- ✧ Doris & David Siskin
- ✧ Harriet & Gil Sweet

from Executive Director Paul Solyn



You may have missed the news that the Satanic Temple is joining a lawsuit against the State of Arkansas. You're not alone. I missed it, too.

The lawsuit was filed by the American Civil Liberties Union over a monument bearing the Ten Commandments that had just been replaced on the grounds of the state capitol. A previous, similar monument had been destroyed by a man who had also destroyed one on the capitol grounds in Oklahoma.

Proponents of Ten Commandments monuments and plaques on public property usually assume that Jews will support them, because the Ten Commandments come from the Hebrew Scriptures. They're baffled to learn that, for the most part, we don't want them at all. We tend to see such things as impermissible attempts to establish a state religion.

One of my friends suggests, not altogether innocently, that we should oppose them for a different reason: they're never exactly the same Ten Commandments that we know.

This odd situation occurs because the passages in Exodus and Deuteronomy that contain the Ten Statements (a better translation of the Hebrew term, *aseret ha-dibrot*), can be divided in several different ways to make exactly ten of them. In general, Jews follow one system, Catholics and Lutherans a second, and most other Protestants a third. All

three systems start and end in the same places, but precisely which phrases are in each commandment varies.

By that reasoning, we would oppose a Ten Commandments monument because the commandments were wrong, not because the monument itself was wrong.

But how often do you even hear the Ten Commandments being read in a Jewish worship service? If you said, "almost never," you're right. We read them aloud only when they're in the Torah reading: once a year for the Exodus text, once for the Deuteronomy text, and on Shavuot.

Many centuries ago they were read in every service. We stopped because Christians argued that only those ten were eternally valid, while our rabbis taught that all 613 commandments were equally important.

Another recent church-and-state controversy drew more attention, when Speaker Ryan asked the House chaplain to resign. The reasons weren't clear—speculation was that Ryan was irritated by implied criticism in the chaplain's prayers, or that Protestant legislators objected to having a Catholic priest as their chaplain.

The U.S. House and Senate have appointed chaplains in every session since 1789, and the first Continental Congress had a minister give opening prayers in 1774. The Su-

preme Court ruled against a 1983 lawsuit against the practice, more on grounds of history ("We've always done it that way") than of law.

All of the Senate and House chaplains have been men, almost all have been Protestant, and all but one, the current Senate chaplain, have been white. Women and non-Christian clergy have given the opening prayer only rarely, and always as guest chaplains.

State legislatures also appoint chaplains and the same issues arise. Rabbi Joe Black is currently one member of a team of chaplains for the Colorado legislature, and recently survived an attempt to remove him when one of his prayers offended a legislator. He has composed an ironic "acceptable prayer" for the U.S. House that includes this:

Arm us as we arm ourselves against the onslaught of our enemies:

- *Those who dare to challenge our conscience*
- *Those who cannot rise up out of the despair they have created for themselves*
- *Those who see the holiness in the unwashed, the discarded and the degraded.*

Lord – we have been blessed with a nation that we know is far superior to all others. Protect us from harsh words and policies that challenge our destiny. Let us build a fortress of prayer that will shield us from things we do not want to confront.

Israeli violinist to play at 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.

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, 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 both 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.

Mazal Tov

To Sheila & Jeff Katz on the birth of a grandson, Jonah Jerome, on April 28. Jonah's parents are Tiffany & Gabriel Katz and he joins big sister Maya. The family lives in Katy, Texas.

Anniversaries

Sharon & Daniel Sporn
Carol & Edwin Braunstein
Beth & Lee Herbst
Marilyn & Alex Rabinowitz

Lynn & Michael Lloyd
Lauren & Lloyd Pepper
Elizabeth & John Goldman

Birthdays

Susan Cadel
Seth Green
Gia Isabella Kadar
Jane Pascar
Gabriel Herbst
Jeffrey Sigel
Lynnette Lenzner
Risa Salsburg
Elijah Liebson
Sylvia Friedman
Alex Porter
David Siskin
Meredith Moore

Nanette L. Barcus
Hunter Lares
Erica Herman
Daniel Pascar
Zsuzsana Kadar
Lauren Pepper
Caren Douenias
Natalie Steinmetz
Jonathan Friedman
David Sussman
Bradley Holtzman
Marc Hample

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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.

All information for the July-August issue of the *Kol Ami* must be submitted to one of the organizational offices by June 11. Please be sure that all dates are on the JCF calendar.

Come check out Sisterhood's new Card & Judaica Shop located adjacent to CKA's office. Open during regular office hours.



A new collection of absolutely wonderful greeting cards for all occasions only \$1 per card.

Yahrzeits

June	Sivan	June	Tammuz	June	Tammuz
1 Rhoda Maisel	18	9 Dena Roseman	26	20 Edwin Shapero	7
1 Aaron Etkind	18	9 George Scheps	26	20 Leon Stemerman	7
1 Frances Kahn	18	9 Irene Louise Burtnick	26	20 Natalie Golos	7
2 Etta Wladis	19	10 Abraham Stemerman	27	20 Steve Golby	7
2 Frances S. Lovitch	19	10 Bertha Lande	27	21 Bertha Rubin	8
2 Rubin Adelsberg	19	10 Dudley "Duff" Leavitt	27	22 Bernard Braunstein	9
2 Saul Siskin	19	10 Fannie Warshaw	27	22 Sheila Schweitzer	9
3 Ethel S. Delphinus	20	10 Florence Seltzer	27	23 Annie Baltimore	10
3 Suzanne Hersch	20	10 Joseph Johnson	27	23 Celia Frank	10
4 Benjamin Jerome	21	10 Rose Stemerman	27	23 Celia S. Frank	10
4 Lewis Beckwith	21	11 Ida Kahn	28	23 Esther Solomon	10
4 Maurice J. Radin	21	11 Max Jerome	28	23 Norman Obler	10
4 Pauline Hoffman	21	12 Fannie Solomon	29	23 Rose Bucholtz	10
5 Abraham Wladis	22	12 Irving Eagle	29	24 Bessie Stemerman	11
5 Milton Cohen	22	12 Julius Rubin	29	24 Jacob Ruben Fink	11
5 Ruth C. Lebowitz	22	12 Stella Padia	29	24 Maurice Kohn	11
5 Sadie Amsel	22	13 Barney Solomon	30	25 Herman Bloch	12
6 Sarah H. Cohen	22	13 Rose Braude	30	26 Edna Barras	13
6 G. Gerald Horwitz	23			26 Herman Ray Prell	13
6 Arthur Loeb	23	June	Tammuz	26 Louis Paltrowitz	13
6 Janet Abelson	23	14 Ann Baron	1	26 Marion Wertheimer	13
6 Reuben Margolis	23	14 Sydell Wolosky	1	26 Mary Kantz	13
6 Rosalia Johnson	23	16 Betty ("Betts") F. Komer	3	26 Robert Steinitz	13
6 Yosef Greene	23	16 Isaac Goldberger	3	27 Josef Stein	14
7 Harry Rubinstein	24	16 Martin J. Radin	3	27 Julius Schulman	14
7 Jennie F. Appel	24	16 Rebecca F. Hoffman	3	27 Sigmund Schwaber	14
7 Lillian Burrell	24	17 Malcolm Winnick	4	28 Ralph Allen Hoffman	15
7 Wolf M. Spiegall	24	17 Regina Tobias Marks	4	29 Ida E. Golos	16
8 Abraham Rubinstein	25	18 Issac Desky	5	29 Shirley Pollack	16
8 David Weimer	25	18 Louise F. Ogrinc	5		
8 Hoda Epstein	25	18 Ruth Kornfeld	5		
8 Ida Doran	25	19 Lena Fidelman	6		
		20 Abraham Lande	7		

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

SAVE THE DATE



Streit's Matzo and the American Dream

Film with a presentation by Dr. Elissa Sampson
Visiting Scholar & Lecturer, Jewish Studies
Cornell University

Thursday, August 23
7:30 PM

FLOWERS FOR THE BIMAH



*It is our congregation's long-standing tradition to adorn the bimah with flowers for the Sabbath:
in memory of
in honor of
in celebration of.
Please call Sue King,
evenings 607-734-8468,
for cost, information, and to reserve a date. Thank you.*

Jewish Community School



from Director Jeff Rosenheck

It is hard to believe that the 5778 school year is approaching the end, and the preparation work for 5779 is already well underway in what we hope to be an even better, more exciting year than ever before. Rabbi Oren and I, along with the school board, are busily working on curriculum changes, staffing, and room assignments so that we can ensure a fantastic transition for the children. In wrapping up 5778, the students had a wonderful Mother's Day breakfast on May 13—something I wish to thank Sharon Birdsall for her planning and food preparation. The students event made eco-

friendly planters with flowers for their moms. May 4 also brought great joy with the Consecration ceremony, or formal welcoming to Jewish education for five students: Rebecca Gifeisman, Ben Levi, Calvin Rosenheck, Bijorn Suarez, and Teddy Suarez. A huge congratulations to each of you.

The school year will formally end on June 10, with closing ceremonies and an ice cream party, beginning at 11:15am. The entire community is invited. The 7–8–9 grade classes will also complete their trip to Washington and Philadelphia the weekend of June 1–3, and a report on the trip

will be included in the next edition of the *Kol Ami*. The last virtual mid-week class will be held on June 7.

Registration forms will be available for the 5779 school year at the closing ceremonies on June 10. There will be a change regarding mid-week Hebrew that I will discuss that day. I remind students to continue to attend services and review their Hebrew and prayers during Summer. I also wish everyone a very safe, happy and enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing everyone in September. The July–August edition of *Kol Ami* will feature exciting details of the 5779 school year.

Class News

Kitot Bet & Gimel (2–3): It's hard to believe that this is the last article of the school year. The year has flown by! In our book *My Jewish Year*, we learned about the Jewish holidays throughout the year and the significance of them. Our other book, *The Explorer's Bible*, started with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Good and Evil and ended with Moses leading the Jews out of slavery in Egypt.

Wishing you all a great summer and looking forward to seeing you back in the fall. *Kathy Rosenheck*

Kitot Hay & Vav (5–6): It's hard to believe that our school year is almost finished. Once again, your children have been a joyous group of bright, inquisitive, and kind young people.

In Kitah Hay, we thoroughly enjoyed our journey through American history, with the emphasis on the Jewish experience during those historical times. The students really enjoy seeing the connection between what they are learning in Hebrew school and in their daily social studies classes. It definitely adds an extra element of interest and understanding to their studies. We also learned about the most significant milestones in the Jewish life cycle.

In addition, we had in-depth discussions about how to be your best self. The areas we discussed included individual dignity, returning to your best self, personal satisfaction, and humility.

In Kitah Vav, we studied all of the Jewish holidays. We discussed each holiday in depth. Our book, *The Book of Jewish Holidays*, provided interesting information and stories to enhance our learning. We also learned about family connections, including four basic elements: gratitude, family harmony, truth, and holiness.

Wishing everyone a wonderful and safe summer!

Donna Rothenberg

Kitot Vav & Zayin (6–7): May has been a busy month with Grade 7 continuing our studies of the Holocaust and the Jewish experience of death and dying, with the students making the connection that honoring the dead was one of the many things denied to us during the Holocaust. We also spent time preparing for our field trip and our end-of-year presentation.

Grade 6 continued "Jewish Heroes, Jewish Values" by learning about Yoni Netanyahu who demon-

strated the value of saving a life by leading the raid on Entebbe when Jews were hijacked and kept hostage in Uganda and Albert Einstein who taught the value of charity by forming and supporting organizations helping refugees.

As our year comes to an end, I would like to thank you all for your support and affirmation of my teaching experience. I have been honored to watch your children grow and mature and have learned much from them. Please attend the end-of-year ceremony and have a wonderful summer. *Eileen Pollack*

Hebrew: The beginning Hebrew students have accomplished a great deal this year. The students have increased their reading ability, learned additional Hebrew vocabulary, reviewed the alef-bet and practiced prayers. Wishing everyone a happy and safe summer, *Rivka Miran*

Tichon (High School): June 1 will find us in Philadelphia, Washington, DC, and Maryland with a chance to enjoy being Jewish Americans and to see what being Jewish looks like in a larger city. *Amanda Sharp*

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