

KOL קול עמי AMI

Sukkot and Simchat Torah

Congregation Kol Ami will celebrate Sukkot with a potluck dinner on Friday, October 6. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. with the Shabbat evening service at 7:30.

Those with surnames beginning with the letters A–M should bring a salad or vegetable dish to share. Those with surnames N–Z should bring a dairy, fish, or vegan main dish.

The morning service for the first day of Sukkot is the day before, Thursday, October 5, at 10:00 a.m.

There will be a family celebration of Simchat Torah, including completely unrolling a Torah scroll, on Wednesday, October 11, at 7:00 p.m. The morning service for Simchat Torah and Shemini Atzeret, including Yizkor, will be Thursday, October 12, at 10:00 a.m.

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Congregation Kol Ami
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Oct. 19 & 26, Nov. 2

Story Matters: We have a story, we are a story

Eileen Pollack will lead a series of three classes for adults on Thursday evenings during October and November. The topic is “Story Matters: We Have a Story, We Are a Story,” and the dates are October 19 and 26, and November 2.

She asks:

- What happens when we take matters into our own hands?
- What do we do when life seems unfair?

The stories of our ancestors, she says, can help us connect with the Eternal and discover where we are on our spiritual journeys.



Each session will focus on different characters and their stories:

October 19—Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar, and the birth of Isaac and Ishmael.

October 26—Isaac and Rebekah, and the birth of Jacob and Esau.

November 2—Jacob, Rachel, and Leah, and the birth and beginning of the twelve tribes of Israel.

Eileen Pollack is a master teacher, storyteller, and guide. She holds a Master of Arts in Theology and has been teaching for 15 years. Courses include: Life Issues, World Religions, Moral Issues, Social Justice, The Bible, and

Theology & Film — a course she developed. She has given many presentations, workshops, and retreats using story in its many forms to illustrate the teaching. A native of New York City, she lives in West Elmira, and is currently in her third year of teaching in the Jewish Community School.

The classes will meet at Congregation Kol Ami at 7:00 p.m. Eileen promises that the storytelling sessions which will be educational, reflective, and interactive (with a bit of humor).

Congregation Kol Ami—כל עמי



from President Mike Lenzner

Success!

After last month's article where I shared a failure of mine regarding a football pool, I thought it might be a good idea to change the subject to something more positive. It would be really great if I was writing about the title of this article for something I have done, but I'm not. I'm still stumbling around learning the position and whenever something complex comes my way, I call Cheryl Miller.

The success that I am talking about is the success that can come about through Rabbi Oren Steinitz.

Last month we held the Rabbi's installation—two years late. Marcus said it was because we didn't think of it. For the record, I think I would have thought of it if I knew about it.

At any rate, the event was fantastic. Friday night was perhaps the greatest Shabbat service I have ever attended. It was like a Hebrew Peter, Paul and Mary service with soaring harmonies. Saturday was a heartfelt service where we all got the opportunity to tell the Rabbi how much

we like him and he was able to tell us the same thing. Loda Golos's return to the Congregation made the evening even more special.

So what does this have to do with success?

As I have mentioned before and will probably mention again, I think the two most important objectives of the current Board administration is to put strategies in place to grow membership and to come up with additional ways to raise capital without going directly to our generous current membership.

Getting back to the question about success, the answer is that we had great services, good (but not great) attendance, multiple standing ovations, and a special feeling that permeated the sanctuary.

We have an *outstanding* "product" (no offense meant by this business reference) to "sell" to Jews who could be members, but aren't.

Success Step I can be crossed off the list thanks to Rabbi Oren. Without it, no other step would be possible.

Success Step II is to figure out the

most effective ways to reach out to local Jews and convince them to visit Kol Ami and see what we're about. The Board and an Ad Hoc Growth Committee are working on this. Stay tuned on this one.

Success Step III rests with all of us. We need to reach out and be welcoming whenever we see any new face. Success Step III will work if we can deliver a message that we are a caring Congregation and that we are a *great* group of people to spend time with.

I know some of us can find this difficult—going up to people you don't know and saying hello can be uncomfortable—but I did it at the Installation and it wasn't that bad. Of course, it was easier considering I was in a great mood after getting a standing ovation for my speech....

Fortunately, if we do Steps I-III well, there is no Step IV!

[Editor's Note: Mr. Lenzner did not receive a standing ovation for his speech.]

Weekly Torah/Haftarah Portions & Candle Lighting

<p>October 6-7 6:27 PM <i>First Day of Chol Hamoed</i> Torah Exodus 33:12-34:26 Pr. Numbers 29:17-22</p>	<p>October 13-14 6:09 PM <i>Bereshit</i> Torah Genesis 1:1-6:8 Pr. Isaiah 42:5-43:10</p>	<p>October 20-21 5:58 PM <i>Noach</i> Torah Genesis 6:9-11:32, Numbers 28:9-15 Pr. Isaiah 66:1-24</p>	<p>October 27-28 5:48 PM <i>Lech L'cha</i> Torah Genesis 12:1-17:27 Pr. Isaiah 40:27-41:16</p>
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Bat Mitzvah



Rich & Heidi Savin would be honored for you to join them in celebrating their daughter Suzanna's being called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Sunday, October 8, 2017, at 10:00 AM at Congregation Kol Ami. The celebration continues at 12:30 PM at the Hilton Garden Inn, Arnot Rd., Horseheads, NY. Please RSVP to Heidi Savin.

Bat Mitzvah



With great joy, Maria and Ted Goldwyn invite you to share in the celebration when their daughter, Neila Rose, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, October 21, at 10:00 a.m. at Congregation Kol Ami. A kiddush luncheon will follow the service.

from Rabbi Oren Steinitz



Rabbi Steinitz's speech at his installation ceremony in September:

Rabbis, Cantor, friends and family, First, let me begin with acknowledging how utterly embarrassing this is to me.... I am standing here in awe of all the love that is being shared this evening. Many people have worked very hard for this weekend to come together, and please accept my apologies if I forget to thank everyone by name individually. Thank you, Rabbi Laura and Charles, for traveling here all the way from Vancouver; Cantor Abbe for coming here from Ithaca; Marcus and Charlotte Kantz for spearheading the event; Sue King, Cynthia Massey, Suzanne Hesselton, Faith Gray and the rest of the kitchen crew; Ron and Gloria Friedman; Ed Braunstein; the Board of Directors; and of course, our administrative staff – Fran Jankowski, Tina Wise and Sharon Birdsall.

It has been a great honor to serve as the spiritual leader of Congregation Kol Ami for the past two years. When I told my teacher and master, Rabbi Daniel Siegel, about the planned installation and mentioned that yes, it is probably a little overdue, he replied that in a way, in-

stalling a rabbi after they have been with the congregation for a while may be more meaningful. "If you still want to celebrate the relationship after two years," he said, "how much the better." Reb Daniel has a good point. Over the past two years we have had the opportunity to get to know each other, and for my part, it has been a pleasure. I hope it has been for you, too. Congregation Kol Ami is a unique community that has a lot to be proud of. I have often said how the volunteer spirit in the congregation never ceases to amaze me. Despite being a small community, or maybe because of it, we manage to put all our talents to work and create events like nobody else. Be it the Food Festival, Cocktails and Knosh, a surprise wedding party, or fantastic High Holiday services – we always, always have people who will enthusiastically step up for the task ahead.

To be honest, I was debating whether I should even mention the unification that led to the creation of Kol Ami. Two years ago when I first arrived here, it would have been impossible not to discuss it, but I am thrilled to say that this is no longer the case. The topic just does not come up anymore, and I – for one – could not be happier about it. Our

parsha this week, Nitzavim starts with Moses stating "אתם נצבים היום כולכם לפני ה' אלהיכם—You are all standing here together in front of the Eternal God." We are indeed standing here together today. In less than two weeks we will again all stand here together listening to the Shofar. Ten days later we will stand here again, each of us taking a good, hard look at ourselves and our community and asking ourselves – how did we do this year? How can we do better?

I do not know what Kol Ami will look like in two years, or in five years, or ten years from now. I do not know how many members we will have, or what services will look like. What I can tell you is that I am excited and impatient to find out. Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi z"l used to say that the only way to get it together, is together. Whatever the future holds for us, I know that all of us, together, are ready for it.

Once again, on behalf of Adar and the kids, I would like to say how happy we are to be here, and how proud we are to call Elmira our home – and Congregation Kol Ami our community.

May we go from strength to strength!

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

Thursday, October 5 Sukkot Morning Service	10:00 AM	Wednesday, October 11 Simchat Torah Celebration	7:00 PM
Friday, October 6 Sukkot Potluck Dinner Shabbat Evening Service	6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Thursday, October 12 Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah Service with Yizkor	10:00 AM
Saturday, October 7 Shabbat Sukkot Morning Service Shabbat Sukkot Morning Service	8:00 AM 9:00 AM	Friday, October 20 Shabbat Evening Service	7:30 PM
Sunday, October 8 Chol ha-Moed Sukkot Morning Service Suzanna Michelle Savin, Bat Mitzvah	10:00 AM	Saturday, October 21 Shabbat Morning Service Neila Rose Goldwyn, Bat Mitzvah	10:00 AM

Yahrzeits

October	Tishrei	11	Jean Simon	21	21	Jacob Stemerman	1	
1	Fred Freeman	11	11	Abraham Malinowitz	21	21	Elizabeth W. White	1
1	Harry Ginsburg	11	11	Edna Neustadt	21	22	Ruth Fineman	2
1	Max Roberts	11	11	Rene Rinde	21	22	Joseph Berelovich	2
1	Morris Rosencrans	11	11	Samuel Stern	21	22	Florence Locks Brownstein	2
1	Celia Drucker	11	12	Isaac Cooperman	22	22	Razel Pisetzner	2
1	Charles Friedman	11	12	David Pierce	22	22	Bessie Fischman	2
1	Donald W. Berry	11	13	Dorothy Fidelman	22	22	Ben Miller	2
1	Kenneth Hamilton	11	13	Samuel Staver	22	22	Amelia Miller	2
2	Joseph Aronson	12	14	Mary D. Rosenzweig	22	22	Sondra Firestone	2
2	Gloria Horwitz	12	14	Mortimer Rosenfield	23	23	Molly Horwitz	3
2	Myer Jacob Pincus-Barel	12	14	Sallie Berger	23	23	Harry Rabino (Wladis)	3
2	William Pearl	12	14	Manford Rosenbloom	23	23	Shalom Stern	3
3	Arthur Spielberg	13	14	Molly Horwitz	23	23	Bernard Komer	3
3	Alan Colodny	13	14	Frieda Jacobson	23	23	Ida Yavis	3
3	Kalmon Jacobson	13	14	Louis Jacobson	23	23	Samuel Sigel	3
3	Hyman Golos	13	14	Max Paul Winnick	24	23	Hattie Friedman	3
3	Irving Herman	13	15	Bert S. Eiges	24	23	Leo W. Greenberg	3
3	Myer Rosenweig	13	15	Freda Lindner	24	24	Julius Johnson	4
4	Abraham J. Nathenson	14	15	Sol Golos	24	24	Lena Friedman	4
4	Samuel Rosengarden	14	15	Irving Jacobson	24	24	Zipora Goldberger	4
4	Theodore Rachlin	14	15	Irving Parker	24	24	Ted Nyveen	4
4	Beatrice Rondinaro	14	15	Annie Staver	24	24	Ida Cohen	4
4	Joseph Rubenstein	14	15	Sandra Metiver	24	24	Sheldon Golos	4
4	Deszo Fischer	14	15	Ben Solomon	24	24	Julia Mertzner	4
4	Ethel Fischer	14	16	Harry Goodman	25	24	Esther Rachel Barcus	4
4	Stuart Luther	14	16	Riva Gutterman	25	25	Lewis Rabinowitz	5
5	Al Schlusel	15	16	Louis Jacobson	25	25	Ray Klein	5
5	Abraham R. Winer	15	16	Charles Holtgrewe	25	26	Rachel Epstein	6
5	Abraham Malinowitz	15	16	Irving Korn	25	26	Bertha M. Glaser	6
5	Rena Rinde	15	17	Ernest Printz	26	26	Millard Risman	6
6	Hyman Nagler	16	17	Archie Sadinsky	26	26	Celia Shapiro	6
6	Kurt Wohl	16	17	Steven H. Semel	26	26	Max Cohen	6
6	Sol Sloan	16	17	Irving Jacobson	26	26	Joseph Goodman	6
7	Myer Solomon	17	18	Henry Fischman	26	26	Rose Friedman	6
7	Morris Gutterman	17	18	Samuel Meisel	27	26	Anna Slepian	6
7	Lena Kahn	17	18	Rose Pisetzner	27	27	Joseph Frendenheim	7
7	Sylvia Simon	17	18	Norma Earle	27	27	Jacob Jacobs	7
8	Mildred Golos	18	18	Herman Laskow	27	27	Sam Ellison	7
8	Mortimer Schofield	18	18	Freda Helman	27	28	Abraham Golos	8
8	Lt. Donald Rubin	18	19	Nellie R. Johnson	28	28	David Rubin	8
9	Sarah Silverman	19	19	Samuel Ellison	28	28	Mary Schecter	8
9	Frances Usdane	19	19	Lorenz "Lorie" Gerstel	29	28	Samuel Shulman	8
9	Abraham R. Barcus	19	19	Etta Rubin	29	28	Esther Glantz	8
9	Julius L. Berger	19	19	Archie Sadinsky	29	28	Morris Pose	8
9	Mark P. Lavine	19	19	Ben Solomon	29	28	Joseph Sittenfield	8
9	David B. Solomon	19	20	Phillip Golos	29	28	Naomi Thebner	8
9	Doris Spielberg	19	20	Morris Gutterman	29	28	Anna Wladis	8
10	Anne Weinstein	20	20	Dorothy Sigel	29	29	Anita Kohn	9
10	Louis Simon	20	20	Max Paul Winnick	30	29	Jeannie Goldstein	9
10	Hyman Goldstein	20	20	Maurice Epstein	30	29	Irving Tabb	9
10	Joseph Roberts	20	20	Rabbi Jacob Marcus	30	29	Shirley Rubin	9
10	Clara Berk	20	20	William Pearl	30	29	Rose Dann	9
10	Samuel Stern	20				30	Celia Drucker	10
11	Mary Weiner	21	October	Cheshvan		30	Eva Botnick	10
11	Dorothy Sigel	21	21	Nellie I. Gross	1			

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CKA Donations

Flowers for the Bimah

- ✧ October 6: In memory of Ronah & Maurice Epstein by their children Anne, Stephen & Miles
- ✧ October 13: In memory of Ida Rabinowitz, Sam Rabinowitz and Samuel Stern by Marilyn & Alex Rabinowitz
- ✧ October 20: In memory of Shirley Rubin by Geoff Rubin & Family

General Fund

- ✧ Carol Hoffman in memory of Sidney Hoffman
- ✧ Carol Hoffman in memory of Beatrice Shapero
- ✧ Jerry & Myra Stemerman in memory of Marcus Stemerman
- ✧ Jerry & Myra Stemerman in memory of Harold Stemerman
- ✧ Marcia & Terry Lenhardt in memory of Steve Novack
- ✧ Beth Dollinger & Alan Angell
- ✧ Julia Gorman
- In memory of Murray Werner*
- ✧ Paul & Phyllis Shore
- ✧ Terry & Marcia Lenhardt
- ✧ Marc Stemerman
- ✧ Richard Rosenberg & Margot Bliven

- ✧ Shelia & Les Rachlin
- ✧ Leonard & Carol Simons
- ✧ Jeff & Ann Sigel
- ✧ Robert Baldwin
- ✧ Frank & Linda Gudas
- ✧ Martin & Barbara Levy
- ✧ Theresa Kerbin
- ✧ James Freeman & Michelle Pavillard
- ✧ Dean & Cheri Werner
- ✧ Ira & Donna Wertheimer
- ✧ Don & Carol Rubin
- ✧ Stu & Judy Komer
- ✧ Anita & Lee Adelsberg

Lillian Simckes Memorial Education Fund

- ✧ In memory of Hyman Steinmetz by Jerome & Natalie Steinmetz

Marvin & Shirley Rubin Scholarship Fund

- ✧ In honor of Rabbi Steinitz by Richard & Andra Frank
- ✧ In memory of Murray Werner by Richard & Andra Frank

Memorial Fund

- ✧ Dian Gerstel in memory of Abe Golos

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- ✧ In memory of Sheldon Herman by Ron & Kathy Herman
- ✧ In memory of Ralph Moritz by Dr. & Mrs. J. Donner & Family
- ✧ In honor of Rabbi Steinitz's installation by Robin Staver
- ✧ In honor of Rabbi Steinitz's installation by John & Cynthia Massey
- ✧ In memory of Murray Werner by Maddy & Larry Dolkart
- ✧ In honor of Rabbi Steinitz's installation by Jeff Rosenheck
- ✧ In honor of Rabbi Steinitz's installation by Malachi & Erin Doane
- ✧ In honor of Rabbi Steinitz's installation by Ken & Zsuzanne Kadar
- ✧ In memory of Murray Werner by Jerry & Myra Stemerman
- ✧ In honor of Rabbi Steinitz by Paul Solyn

Sidney Hersch Building Fund

- ✧ In memory of Murray Werner by Stu & Judy Komer

Yahrzeits

30	Barney Fidelman	10
30	Geraldine Granoff	10
30	Nellie I. Gross	10
30	Muriel Rubin	10
30	Rose Tarshus	10
30	David Cohen	10
30	Eleanor "Jerry" Granoff	10
30	Gary Schochet	10
31	Harry L. Baker	10

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

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.

SUKKOT CELEBRATIONS

Join our congregation on

Thursday, October 5, at 10:00 AM
for our Sukkot services.



Then join us on
Friday, October 6,
at 6:30 PM

for a potluck dinner
(A-M bring salad or vegetable; N-Z
bring dairy/fish/vegan main dish)
with services to follow at
7:30 PM.

Reservations due by September 29



*Come check out Sisterhood's new
Card & Judaica Shop
located adjacent to CKA's business office
Open during regular office hours
Absolutely wonderful greeting cards for all
occasions only \$1 per card
Great gifts & CKA Cookbooks*

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.

Thursdays, October 19 and 26, 7:00 p.m. "Story Matters: We Have a Story, We Are a Story," with Eileen Pollack. Also November 2.

In Memoriam

Our heartfelt condolences to John Grandt and Katherine Grandt on the passing of their father, Dr. Edward Grandt. *Zich'rono liv'rachah*, may his memory be for a blessing.

Our heartfelt condolences to Ruth Ann & Larry Hapner, Martin & Shelly Kerker, Susan & David Langmann, Joel Kerker and their families on the death of mother, grandmother and great grandmother Reva Stemerman Kerker. *Zich'rona liv'rachah*, may her memory be for a blessing.

Anniversaries

20 Hilde & Herb Robbins

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

Birthdays

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|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1 David Kartzman | 11 John Goldman | 22 Esther Hagan |
| 2 Eliana Steinitz | 15 Robert Cohen | 22 Jacob Hoffman |
| 2 Arlene Rosenberg | 15 Jack Schwartz | 23 Abigail Gifeisman |
| 3 Joe Gaieski | 16 Nayda Gifeisman | 25 Sue Braunstein |
| 4 Edwin L. Berman | 18 Michael Krueger | 25 Lee Kosow |
| 6 Denise Kartzman | 19 Leon Horwitz | 27 Carol Braunstein |
| 7 Rabbi Oren Steinitz | 21 Neila Goldwyn | 28 Doreen Oliver-Kadar |
| 7 Michael Lares | 21 Lisa Goldberg | 29 Jerry Stemerman |
| 8 Lindsay Novack | 21 Michael Halperin | 30 Lea Champion |
| 8 Priscilla Weinstein | 22 Dylan Douenias | |
| 9 Lloyd Pepper | 22 Margo Golos | |

Jewish Center and Federation



from President Marcus Kantz

First of all, I want to acknowledge Paul and Tina for all they do as the normal parts of their jobs and especially for all those things large and small that they do above and beyond the call of duty. I needed to say that because it's true, but mostly because I don't want it to be forgotten in light of all that follows:

Volunteerism. Doing what you do only because you want to, because you believe it's the right thing, because it's needed and/or wanted by others, or because it is for a greater good. That last one shows up for the many largely volunteer organizations we all belong to or participate in or are affiliated with, or get hounded by, or even just somehow care a little about. Like CKA, JCF, Kiwanis, Rotary, Meals on Wheels, Civic Music, CCLD, Food Bank, our alma maters (or those of our kids), and on and on.

Those organizations all depend on us. Without us they fold up their tents and go quietly into the night - or not so quietly when their beneficiaries are left without the services that the organizations provide

through our volunteer services. As a result, the leaders of those organizations come to feel the need to marshal the troops to keep on keeping on. And soon or later the organization begins to feel and behave like a business in which all those good hearted volunteers, or at least those in "critical" positions, are treated like paid staff, expected to show up and do what's needed right now, and right the first time, and under budget, and even without complaining.

I know that I, as the President of JCF and member of the Board of CKA all too often treat you volunteers like that. And it is wrong. You volunteer your time and energy and thoughts and initiative and talents and capabilities. I and all of us in leadership positions in these volunteer organizations need to keep remembering that and, in turn, remember to keep the goals and aspirations of our organizations in line with what is reasonable to expect from a bunch of good hearted volunteers. We need to learn to accept the best you can do with your vol-

unteer spirit WITHIN the limitations each of your own personal value sets at the time, based on your personal circumstances and feelings. That means sometimes we will not accomplish the missions we set for ourselves. That will be too bad, but may well be no one's fault, except for our inability to keep from trying to do too much.

Before I end though, there's one more important side to this. While the "bosses" of volunteer organizations need to be careful not to demand too much of our volunteer "staff," you, the volunteers also have the responsibility for trying to make commitments that you can reasonably expect to fulfill, and then reasonably attempting to do so.

All in all, I'm not saying we should aim low. I'm just saying that when we're in the process of doing our good works, we have to work hard to remember that we're ALL volunteers, and not to come down hard on each other, but to just do our best, together, making the world a better place. I promise to try, and hope you will to. Thanks, Marcus.

The Great Dictator is October film

Our October film is Charlie Chaplin's first pure "talkie": *The Great Dictator*. Produced in 1940, it was only the second American film to satirize Adolf Hitler.

Chaplin plays both the anti-Jewish dictator of Tomainia and a Jewish barber who looks just like him—so much so that when Hynkel, the dictator, sends soldiers to arrest the barber, they arrest Hynkel by mistake.

The action starts in 1918, with the defeat of the Tomainian army. A Jewish barber saves the life of a wounded pilot, but loses his own memory through concussion.

Twenty years later, still suffering from amnesia, the barber escapes from a nursing home to return to the ghetto. He falls in love with a neighbor, Hannah (Paulette God-

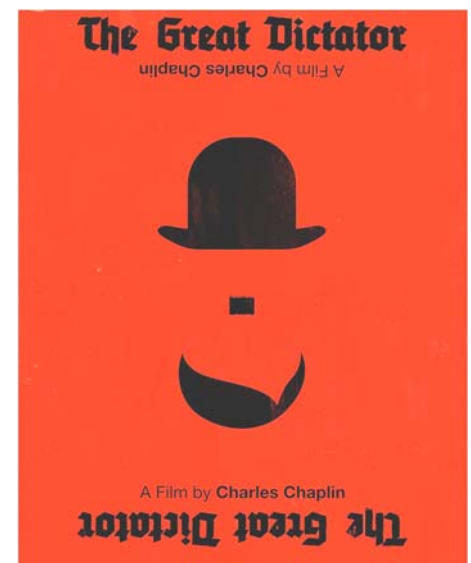
dard), and together they try to resist persecution.

When Hynkel orders a purge of the Jews, the pilot hides in the ghetto with the barber. Storm troopers search the ghetto, arresting both. They are sent to a concentration camp, but escape. Hannah and her family flee to freedom in the neighboring country of Osterlich, which Hynkel subsequently invades.

At the border the pilot tells the barber to go up to the platform and impersonate Hynkel, as the only way to save their lives.

The terrified barber mounts the steps, but is inspired to seize the initiative. He makes an impassioned plea for brotherhood and goodwill. Although the film is long, the speech is worth waiting for.

The Great Dictator was the second-



most popular film in the U.S. in 1941, and the most popular in France in 1945.

We'll see it on Wednesday, October 25, at 7:00 p.m.

Jewish Center and Federation



from Executive Director Paul Solyn

Your life matters.

You knew that. So here's a question: could you say, "Your life matters" to another person?

Could you say it to someone whom you don't like? To an African American?

Could you say it to a recent immigrant? Would you first ask, "Papers, please"?

"Black lives matter," both as a slogan and as a movement, has acquired an emotional charge that we might not have expected. To those who are sympathetic, it comes across as "Black lives matter, too," or "Black lives matter *equally*."

To others, it comes across as "Black lives matter *more* [than white lives]" or "Only black lives matter." And to what I hope is a small minority, those who believe that black lives *don't* matter equally, it comes across as a justification for rage.

The sometime response of "All lives matter" is, of course, true. This is not a helpful response, because it comes across as a denial of the original premise. Although it's not the lexical meaning, that's what it conveys emotionally.

"Blue lives matter" is the same, but more pointed because it places the lives of black Americans and those of police officers in direct opposition.

It's undeniable that many black Americans fear police officers. The Black Lives Matter movement is a response to this and to the infrequency in which police officers who

shoot people of color are brought to what others of color can accept as justice.

Research also shows that many police officers fear black men. This is partly realistic in urban police work, but it is also undeniable that police officers are in danger from so-called patriots who would substitute their guns for the legitimate authority of the police. And, of course, from ordinary criminals and, sadly, from people of impaired sanity.

How do black parents give children a sense that their own lives matter, when a large part of society seems to believe otherwise? It's a question that black Americans have struggled with for centuries.

It's also a question with Jewish resonance. Whether there was active persecution—the Inquisition in Spain, mass slaughter in the Rhineland during the Crusades, pogroms in eastern Europe, Nazi genocide—or mere discrimination, as in pre-modern Islamic societies where we were tolerated—generations of Jews before us knew the same problem.

Our predecessors responded by emphasizing mutual support (*kol Yisrael areivim zeh ba-zeh*, all Jews are responsible for one another), ritual observance, and ethical living.

The three were not mutually exclusive or even completely separate. Shared ritual life contributed to the sense of mutual responsibility, as did a shared ethical code. You could say, "A community that prays together stays together."

Yet it was recognized that not everyone would be equally successful in all. A Jew who was ethical in everyday life but did not know the prayers could be an esteemed member of the community, as could anyone who had an ethical lapse but repented.

In fact, the liturgy for Yom Kippur includes an explicit authorization for praying together with sinners.

Most religious minorities have used similar strategies. These strategies work as long as the community values all three components.

It is starting to look as if Jews in America might need to rely on them again. Parents today face the need to bring up children to value their own lives even when they encounter others in society who disagree.

Whether we would succeed as well is unclear. The youngest generation of Jewish adults, having grown up in a society where they experienced very little prejudice, sees less need to be active in a religious or ethnic community and distrusts organizations in general.

I don't, however, see a similar benefit in identifying as "spiritual but not religious." Nevertheless, colleagues in large cities report that young Jewish adults, though preferring to avoid synagogue life, are eager for Jewish study (weekly Torah classes in cafés and bars seem to be doing well) and perhaps even more eager for Jewish activism.

JCF Donations

Community Kitchen

In memory of Dr. Murray Werner

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Jewish Community School

- ✧ In memory of Dr. Murray Werner by Kathy Rosenheck & Jeff Rosenheck

Jewish Community School



from Director Jeff Rosenheck

The 5778 school year is off to an incredible start. Enthusiastic students and staff returned on September 10 to what I am confident, will be an exciting and fun filled, educational year. I am honored to welcome two new students this year: Ben and Noa Levi, who will be joining our Kindergarten and fifth-grade classes, respectively.

September was exciting—including our first after-school trip to Stoney Ridge Orchards in Erin, NY. Students had the opportunity to pick apples for members of the community. A special thanks goes to Rabbi Steinitz for supporting the project with his discretionary fund.

New this year, our teaching staff and substitutes will be wearing photo ID badges. The initiative comes after a year long security committee developed last year. The photo IDs will ensure that guests, parents and community members are aware of who the staff are when visiting the school. Along with improved security cameras and door locks, the school is safer than ever.

October continues to be an exciting month for the school. On October 1, the school community is invited to join us for Pizza in the Sukkah at 12:00 noon. Lunch will be available for all. Families are encouraged to attend. School will not be in ses-



Jewish Community School students and families participated in an apple picking project on September 17 at Stoney Ridge Orchards in Erin, NY. Apples picked will be donated to Jewish community members with limited mobility and in nursing homes, as well as to the food bank.

sion October 8 for the Columbus weekend holiday, and there will be no virtual class October 5 or 12 for the Sukkot and Simchat Torah holidays.

I again thank the community for the support of the school. We are blessed as a community to have such outstanding educators, fantastic curriculum and incredible educa-

tional resources for such a small community. We are truly making strides when area schools are failing, reducing staff and seeing diminishing numbers, yet our student population grows. These successes are thanks to such a supportive community. Please contact me with any questions, comments or concerns as the school year continues.

Class News

Kitot Bet & Gimel (2-3): The new school year has started and we were ready! Our curriculum in September included both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur as well as starting the first chapter in our *Explorer's Bible* text, which is about creation.

In music, we sang some familiar songs and look forward to learning new ones. Our craft project for the month was to decorate our hats. All of the students and staff are designing their own baseball caps to wear at school functions. (Thanks to Jazzy

Junque for donating the white caps from last year's sale!)

Kathy Rosenheck

Kitot Hay & Vav (5-6): Our new school year has begun, and we are eagerly looking forward to new and exciting lessons and projects in Kitah Hey and Kitah Vav. After a wonderful opening assembly, we began all classes with a fun and creative craft project. We were all given white hats to design and decorate. We will be wearing the hats for all

group activities. Your children show so much creativity and imagination in their designs. Kathy Rosenheck did such an amazing job coordinating this activity for the whole school!

As Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur approach, we are revisiting and enhancing our learning about the High Holy Days. We also want to welcome Noa to Kitah Hay, a class of four lovely young ladies! Welcome back to all!

Donna Rothenberg

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Kitot Vav & Zayin (6-7): The 7th-graders had time to familiarize themselves with their new Amazon Fire tablets. Fun was had by all as we sang and danced to “Bohemian Rhapsody” by Queen courtesy of Alexa. Hats were decorated and we began the year with the continuation of the *Min Ha’aretz* text.

The 6th-graders began the text *Jewish Heroes, Jewish Values* by studying Rabbi Yohanan Ben Zakkai who exemplifies Talmud Torah (Jewish learning).
Eileen Pollack

Tichon (High School): Fall is always a busy time for us with all the holidays we will have listened, reflected and prayed during the high holidays. We will be looking forward to Sukkot and Simchat Torah. This class is beginning to prepare for ways to become leaders in our school, Kol Ami and outside as well.

Amanda Sharp

Hebrew: This month, all classes have been busy studying special prayers for Sukkot. The Fifth and

Sixth grades are close to finishing their *Hineni* books and advancing to the next ones, while the Seventh Grade continues the brand new *Making T'filah Meaningful* series. As always, students are encouraged to participate in the Thursday night sessions as regularly as possible. Parents should feel free to contact me should they have any questions or concerns.
Sophie Marmor

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CKA Book Club 2017

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

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. Don't forget to bring your lunch!

PRAYER FOR THE ILL OR ILL AT HEART

Adonai, You who blessed our ancestors, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob, Rachel, and Leah, send Your blessing to those who are ill of body and ill of spirit. Grant them Refuah Sh'lema, a complete recovery, and may healing come speedily. Amen.

Jewish Community Calendar

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 JCS 9 am-12:15 pm JCS 12 pm Sukkot Celebration	2	3	4	5 All Offices Closed Community Kitchen CKA 10:00 am Sukkot Services No JCS Virtual Class	6 CKA 6:30 pm Sukkot Potluck Dinner 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	7 CKA 8:00 am Shabbat Service 9:00 am Shabbat Service
8 No JCS CKA 10:00 am Suzanna Savin Bat Mitzvah	9 Columbus Day	10	11 CKA 12:00 pm Book Club CKA 7:00 pm Simchat Torah Celebration	12 All Offices Closed CKA 10:00 am Shemini Atzeret Service with Yizkor No JCS Virtual Class	13 CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	14 CKA 8:00 am Shabbat Service 9:00 am Shabbat Service
15 JCS 9 am-12:15 pm	16	17 JCF 7:00 pm Exec. Board meeting 7:30 pm Board meeting	18 CKA 6:30 pm Exec. Board meeting 7:30 pm Board meeting	19 JCS 7:00 pm Virtual Class JCF 7:00 pm "Story Matters" with Eileen Pollack	20 CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	21 CKA 10:00 am Neila Goldwyn Bat Mitzvah
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