



# The Voice

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## Shalom!

By Rabbi Simon Stratford



*The rains have come,  
windy days and  
crisp nights.*

*Days are shorter and  
the land prepares  
to sleep.*

*Bless this day, God  
of season. Bless this autumn with the  
hope of comfort and rest.*

*Be present with us as we gather with  
family and friends so that we bring  
each other love and joy...*

**A**utumn is my favorite season. As the summer heat subsides and the leaves transform to more earthy tones, I marvel at the myriad of changes this time of year. Yet, it is not only the physical world that undergoes significant change. Autumn marks a period of change for us too, and Jewish rituals and traditions help us honor this season.

Autumn begins as we usher in the Jewish New Year and Day of Atonement, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The High Holy Days are a time of both completing and beginning. Together, we celebrated

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### Our Mission

To be an inclusive Reform Jewish congregation that is family focused, community oriented, emphasizes spiritual and cultural identity, and is dedicated to the Jewish education of all generations.

## Excerpts from the President's Yom Kippur Address

By Joanna Sieger



My husband and I became members of Kol Ami 10 years ago because we wanted a Jewish home for our family. We wanted role models and other Jewish people our children could lean on, question and trust. We wanted a link between our children's religious education and our home life. From the moment we joined Kol Ami, I've been involved. That involvement has ranged from working on party planning committees to being president and lots of things in between. I was still engaged elsewhere—as PTA president, Girl Scout cookie mom, and for my children's sports teams. And while volunteering in multiple places, I also ran our children to their various activities; much like so many of you. My husband and I both work and one daughter plays high school sports while the other participates in chorus, girl scouts and other activities. My son has activities as well. All those things are important to my family, so we make them a priority. Can I put in the same amount of hours at each? Certainly not. But despite all these time constraints, we've still found time to become involved in a way that best suits my family and helps serve our Kol Ami community.

Being involved doesn't just help us as a congregational community; it helps you. From time to time, the question of membership value comes up. Well, what are you getting out of yours? Our dues are not a punch card you can break down into the number of services you attend. Our dues are about supporting the Jewish community at large – about something bigger than our own families. While, the Board thanks you for paying your dues, what are you getting out of your membership? Do you attend

events? Services? How often? Do you serve on a Kol Ami committee? Do you teach or sub in our religious school? Do you help plan events? Any of these things will add to your membership value and help improve our community. As you become more engaged, you'll meet more congregants, make more friendships and build a support system you never even knew existed. I have witnessed this over the last year as fellow congregants who were formerly uninvolved have stepped up, joined in on social events and welcomed new and lasting friendships. They now seem to be enjoying these connections as well as congregational life more than ever. It simply has become more fun for them because they are connected by far more than just paying dues. (But, again, please keep doing that!)

And speaking of dues... Did you know that 80% of our budget is fixed expenses? Expenses like our office, rental at the UU, rental here for High Holy days, salaries, general office expenses, onegs, and so much more. Our budget is based on all our members paying their dues in full and on time. By the way, those expenses have already begun -- which is why we encourage you to pay your dues in July. When we speak of dues and dues payments, we're not just begging for money. We need that money to help us meet our budget. Sometimes, we have expenses we couldn't foresee – and we are incredibly grateful to those among us who can give a little more. This little bit more is an investment in our community and its growth.

Over the last year, I've gotten to know many of you. I believe we do what we need to get the job done. We have a new rabbi, and if you haven't yet met Rabbi Stratford, I highly encourage you to take the time to chat with him. He's got great ideas and

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## Join our New Member Mentor Program

Be part of our New Member Mentor Program. The program will welcome new members to our congregation, and help them meet people and get involved.

We want to match new members with volunteer mentors. The matches would be made based on age, geography and/or interests.

Mentors are expected to contact the new members throughout their first year, to invite them to join them in our various activities, including services, girls/guys night outs, and social events.

Mentors are encouraged to meet with the new member over a cup of coffee or glass of wine, to make them feel welcome and to answer any questions they may have about Kol Ami, and find out what they would like to see happening at Kol Ami.

If you are interested in participating in this, and look forward to making new friends, please contact Anne Cohen at [membership@kolamifrederick.org](mailto:membership@kolamifrederick.org) to get your name on our mentor list.

## Excerpts from the President's Yom Kippur Address

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wants to hear from all of you. We've only just begun, and no matter your role -- whether you volunteer, pay your dues in full (and on time), donate extra, teach, lead or all of the above -- I thank you for being an engaged member of Congregation Kol Ami of Frederick.

Now, with the High Holy Days behind us, I invite each of you to take the time to consider what you bring to this community, and what you can get out of being a part of it.

## Sponsor an Oneg ... and thank you!

Our Oneg Shabbat is one of the many pleasures of belonging to Congregation Kol Ami of Frederick. Following the Friday night services, the Oneg is a time to have a nosh and socialize in a relaxed setting. It is also a great opportunity to celebrate and honor special events such as a birthday, anniversary, new baby, graduation, safe return, yahrzeit, or any other occasion of your choice.

Challah, wine, grape juice and assorted baked goods will be provided after the service. Please support your congregation by sponsoring an oneg while honoring a meaningful person or event in your life. Please call the office for more details.

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## From Rabbi Simon Stratford

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the New Year and took time to personally reflect on how we may act differently this year. I want to take this moment to thank everyone for making my first High Holy Days at Kol Ami a remarkably special time. The High Holy Days are always a stressful time for rabbis and I feel truly blessed to have so many individuals from our community help make the season a success.

From our High Holy Day coordinators, to volunteer Torah readers, honorees, parents and KATY kids who helped supervise the youngsters, Shofar blowers, greeters, ticket collectors, those who helped supervise prayer book rentals, set-up, take-down, break fast and all other logistical matters – thank you. To everyone who joined us for worship, thank you for sharing the experience. Lastly, to everyone who brought items to donate to Blessings in a Backpack or made a monetary donation, my heartfelt appreciation goes out to all of you. All the hard work and effort of so many individuals made the High Holy Days a success, and together I feel we've set the tone for a wonderful year ahead.

Next up in the litany of fall Jewish holidays was Sukkot and Simchat Torah. The festival of booths or fall harvest holiday and the celebration of beginning another Torah reading cycle were observed two weeks ago. The festival of Sukkot brings our attention to the physical changes of the natural world, and the sukkah (temporary dwelling shelter) is meant to symbolize the

fragility and finite reality of our lives. This oftentimes evokes a conversation among communities about homelessness and displaced peoples in America today. This year in particular, as so many in our country have witnessed their homes and communities ruined by natural disasters, I am especially grateful for the many blessings bestowed upon our community. All the more so, I feel proud to be a part of this community, which raised over \$1,000 in gift cards that were sent to Houston to help individuals and families get back on their feet after Hurricane Harvey. Thank you to everyone who participated in this fundraising effort.

I began this article with the first half of a poem by Israeli liturgist Alden Solovy. Now, as fall settles in (and soon enough winter will arrive), may each of us embrace positive change this season. I leave you with the remainder of the poem:

*God of time and season.*

*May this season be a blessing and a teacher.*

*Make me like the rain, nourishing all that I touch.*

*Make me like a gentle wind, quietly clearing old habits and the debris of mistakes.*

*Make me like the crisp air, present, refreshing and free.*

*Bless my days with service and my nights with prayer.*

*Make me like the land, seeking solace and rest.*

*Kayn Y'hi Ratzon – May this be God's Will.*

## New! Introduction to Judaism Course

Rabbi Stratford will be teaching an introduction to Judaism course starting this winter. Learn fundamentals of Jewish thought and practice in a year-long class. This course is perfect for interfaith couples, those from different faith backgrounds considering conversion, and Jewish adults looking for an adult-level introduction to Jewish education.

Two informational sessions will be held in December, 2017 (Tuesday, December 5 and Tuesday, December 19). Attendance at one of these two informational sessions is required before enrolling in the formal class. Classes begin in January, 2018 and will be held on a monthly basis until the end of the calendar year.

For those considering conversion, attendance and participation in the year-long course is required, as well as additional self-study, congregational involvement, and meetings with the rabbi. Please contact Rabbi Stratford with any inquiries, questions, or concerns about conversion or the course in general.

**Please welcome new members!**

**Meg O'Rourke and Dan Levy**

**Ilene and Lee Smith, daughters Haley and Bailey**

**Sharry Veil**

## Congregation Kol Ami of Frederick

Invites you to

### Join us for Installation Shabbat

Friday, November 17th, 7:30 pm  
4880 Elmer Derr Road  
Frederick, Maryland.

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## Rabbi Simon Stratford

Rabbi Stratford will be installed by, Rabbi Julie S. Schwartz, MAHL, D.D. Board Certified Jewish Chaplain, Clinical Pastoral Education Supervisor, Director of the Stein Family Human Relations Program at HUC-JIR in Cincinnati.

## Upcoming Events

### Bar Mitzvah

In the last issue of the Voice, Hayden's full announcement was omitted in error. His Bar Mitzvah was on October 21 and he did a fantastic job! We apologize to Hayden for this error and want to extend a hearty Mazel Tov to him and his family for his wonderful accomplishment and to honor him with his full announcement in this issue.



#### Hayden Lazorchak October 21, 2017

Hayden's parents are Ali and Rob Lazorchak, and he is a 7th grader at Brunswick Middle School. Hayden is an honor roll student with an interest in sports journalism. He's a sports enthusiast who plays golf, skis and cheers on the Redskins and Steelers. He is an avid musician and plays guitar as well as several percussion instruments. Hayden is a member of the Brunswick Middle School band, as well as Frederick Regional Youth Orchestra. He is involved in his family's non-profit (named for and inspired by him), Hayden's Heart Heroes. Hayden works to give back to Johns Hopkins Pediatric Cardiology/Pediatric Intensive Care Unit as a means of showing gratitude. He also enjoys his X-Box, phone and living every moment fully and with laughter.

### Upcoming Bar Mitzvah



#### Louis Chase November 4, 2017

Louis is the son of Valerie and Michael Chase and brother to Stella (5). He is a 7th grader in Laurel Springs Online School. Louis likes learning about architecture and astrophysics, and he has been learning to play the didgeridoo for the past 6 months.

### Kol Ami Monocacy Battlefield Veterans Day Event

Please join us on Sunday, November 5th at 10:00 am at Monocacy National Battlefield, where the Kol Ami Religious School will be holding a special event (in lieu of school) in honor of Veterans Day. Previously known as Armistice Day, Veterans Day was officially renamed in 1954 to honor all U.S. military veterans who have served honorably.

National Park Rangers will be providing a personal tour of the Monocacy National Battlefield museum as well as discussions incorporating elements of Jewish life/involvement during the Civil War. School children and attendees are invited to create service cards for military personnel and decorate water bottles for Operation Welcome Home Md. The event is expected to last one hour. Please contact Dan Bilow, Sabrina Nail or Rabbi Stratford for more information.

### Kol Ami Brotherhood

Attention, Men of Kol Ami!

Interested in some time out with the guys? Hoping to avoid yet another meeting? The Kol Ami Brotherhood gathers on the first Tuesday of each month for dinner.

If you are not on the mailing list or if you have any ideas for additional programming, please contact Jeff Feiertag at [brotherhood@kolamifrederick.org](mailto:brotherhood@kolamifrederick.org).

The November Brotherhood dinner will be on **Tuesday, November 7 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Buffalo Wild Wings**  
**210 Shorebird Street, Frederick (near Wegmans)**

Interested and able to join us? Sign up using the link below:  
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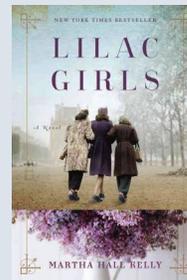
### KATY Movie Night

Join us on Wednesday, November 29th at 7:30 pm at the Weinberg Center for the Arts for a showing of The Princess Bride.

\$5 per person. All are welcome. Students in 8th–12th grades need not be accompanied by an adult. Online registration coming soon.



### Kol Ami Book Club



**Wed. Nov. 8 at 12:30 pm**  
**Macaroni Grill at Westview**

#### Lilac Girls

by Martha Hall Kelly

To register and for a synopsis please go to:  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a45a9a92d6-kolami1>

### Women's Coffee Wednesday, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6, 2017

10:00 am at Panera on Route 26

Women of Kol Ami meet on the first Wednesday of every month, unless otherwise noted. Come meet your friends and let us know what is happening in your life. Check this link for the latest coffee date: RSVP: [signupgenius.com/go/4090a45a9a92d6-womens](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a45a9a92d6-womens)

# Religious School Update



## From your Religious School Director Sabrina Nail

Shalom and welcome back! We are off to a great start of the school year! Our teachers are creating amazing and engaging lessons. Our students are excited to learn and be back in school.

We have celebrated the fall holidays. For Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur we had apples and honey, listened to the shofar and discussed our transgressions with plans for improvements. For Sukkot we invited parents and students to have breakfast in the sukkah and the students decorated our sukkah. We were able to dance with our Torah and celebrated Simchat Torah with the whole school. Please see the photos below of our celebrations.

We are trying some new things this year! We have an upcoming event on November 5 where we will learn off-site at Monocacy Battlefield about Jewish history and celebrate our veterans. We welcome the whole congregation to attend so please see the Kol

Ami website. We are also having a vendor Kol Ami shopping event at religious school on November 12! Hope to see you there.

We are teaching our students to the give back by collecting *tzedakah* in classes and to also take action and DO. *Tikkun olam*, repair of the world, is about being involved. The Talmud says, "Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now. You're not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it."

All of our students from kindergarten to 10th grade can help to fix the world by doing one little thing. Just one act a day, such as giving compliments, smiling at people, or picking up litter is an act of *tikkun olam*. We are teaching our students that their kindness or their one act, has a ripple effect and can affect the world. We as parents and members of Kol Ami, can lead by example and make a difference one day at a time.



K, 1st and 2nd grade edible sukkah making



In the sukkah with the rabbi



7th grade edible sukkah making



Celebrating Simchat Torah



# TRIVIA NIGHT

## 1st Annual Congregation Kol Ami Trivia Night

**Saturday November 11, 2017 from 7–9 p.m.**

Clover Hill Clubhouse  
8122 Glendale Dr., Frederick, MD

Create a team of 8, or be paired with some “trivia experts”!  
Find out why trivia has become so popular and fun!!

Cost is only \$10 per person and includes snacks and a drink.  
Baked goods will also be for sale.

Trivia night is for all adults and KATY age participants only!  
Family, friends, neighbors—just spread the word!!

To register, go to [www.kolamifrederick.org](http://www.kolamifrederick.org) and  
click on the trivia night link.

Any questions, contact David Silberman at  
[dssilberman@aol.com](mailto:dssilberman@aol.com)

## Join us for Torah Study with Rabbi Stratford!

Fascinating topics, interesting discussions.

Mondays at 12:30 p.m. at the office.  
(Nov. 6 and Dec. 4 are at Buckingham's Choice)

November 6, 13, 20 and 27

December 4, 11, and 18

## Hanukkah Party

### Join us for this festive event!



**Saturday, December 16, 2017**

**Villages of Urbana  
Anthony Natelli Community Center  
9023 Harris Street, Urbana**

Children's programming begins at 5:30 p.m. including crafts.  
Menorah lighting – for everyone at 6:15PM  
Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30 (includes Roy Rogers fried chicken)  
Adult programming from 7:30-9 p.m.  
[signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AFA72FA57-annual1](http://signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AFA72FA57-annual1)

# BARNES & NOBLE BOOKSELLERS

**Sunday November 19, 2017  
11a.m. until 6 p.m.**

Kol Ami will have a Book Fair at the Barnes and Noble  
bookstore in the FSK mall.

Do some early Hanukkah and holiday shopping and a  
portion of all proceeds will go to Kol Ami. Just use code  
#12233912 at the checkout. But don't worry, we will be at  
the store to remind you of the code.

Or make a purchase of a new book to support the Johns  
Hopkins Children's Center. Ali Lazorchak will be collecting  
books for this very worthy cause.

Can't make it on November 19 to Barnes and Noble?  
That's ok, go online at [BN.com/bookfair](http://BN.com/bookfair) from November  
19 through November 24, enter the same code  
#12233912, and we will get credit for the purchase!

This code can be used by anyone that day—friends, family,  
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support Kol Ami.

Any questions, contact David Silberman at  
[dssilberman@aol.com](mailto:dssilberman@aol.com)

## Help Wanted

- Religious School teacher
- Religious School Director trainee
- Tot Shabbat set-up volunteer
- Shabbat Service Coordinator

**Please contact Joanna at [president@kolamifrederick.org](mailto:president@kolamifrederick.org)  
for information about the above needs.**

## Chesed Group is Here for You!

Did you know...in a time of need, through illness or after the  
death of a family member, your Kol Ami community is here for  
you? We set up a Sign Up Genius and members will chip in to ease  
your burden. We can organize rides, company, meals, or whatever  
support is needed.

Contact Ilene Freedman, *Chesed* Coordinator, at [Chesed@kolamifrederick.org](mailto:Chesed@kolamifrederick.org)  
for more information or when a situation arises  
to set up a line of support.

**Torah...“It is a tree of life to all who grasp it, and whoever holds on to it is happy; its ways are ways of pleasantness, and all its paths are peace. (Proverbs 3:17-18)**

## The Parashyot for November and December are as follows:

**Nov. 4 - Vayeira/I (God) Appeared [to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob], Genesis 18:1–22:24** The Eternal appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre as he was sitting at the entrance of the tent at about the hottest time of the day. —*Genesis 18:1*

**Nov. 11 - Chayei Sarah/The Life of Sarah, Genesis 23:1-25:18** Sarah lived to be 127 years old—such was the span of Sarah’s life. —*Genesis 23:1*

**Nov. 18 - Tol’dot/The Generations [of Isaac], Genesis 25:19-28:9** This is the line of Isaac son of Abraham: Abraham begot Isaac. —*Genesis 25:19*

**Nov. 25 - Vayitzei/And [Jacob] Left, Genesis 28:10-32:3** And Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran. —*Genesis 28:10*

**Dec. 2 - Vayishlach/[Jacob] Sent, Genesis 32:4-36:43** Jacob now sent messengers ahead of him to his brother Esau in the land of Seir, in the countryside of Edom. —*Genesis 32:4*

**Dec. 9 - Vayishev/[Jacob] Settled, Genesis 37:1-40:23** Jacob now settled in the land of his father’s sojourning, in the land of Canaan. —*Genesis 37:1*

**Dec. 16 - Mikeitz/After [Two Years], Genesis 41:1-44:17** At the end of two years’ time Pharaoh had a dream: there he was, standing by the Nile, when seven cows came up out of the Nile, handsome and fat. —*Genesis 41:1-2*

**Dec. 23 - Vayigash/And [Judah] Approached [Joseph], Genesis 44:18-47:27** Judah now approached him and said, “By your leave, my lord, please give your servant a hearing, and do not let your anger flare up at your servant—for you are like Pharaoh”. —*Genesis 48:18*

**Dec. 30 - Va-y’chi/[Jacob] Lived, Genesis 47:28–50:26** Jacob lived in the land of Egypt for 17 years; Jacob’s days—the years of his life—were 147. —*Genesis 47:28*

## Being First Born: A Good Thing? *By Kerry Reynolds*

In late August, our Torah Study Group discussed Parsha *Ekev*. There, in Deuteronomy 21:15-17, we read, “... he shall acknowledge the first-born ... by giving him a double portion of all that he hath.” In the context of its time, this was not surprising advice. Of course, it took but a second before we started thinking of family stories throughout Genesis and said, “Huh?”

This autumn, as our congregation reads through Genesis, consider what happens to primogeniture. Cain was first born to Adam, but Adam preferred Abel and we know how that turned out (Gen. 4:8). Abraham sent his first-born, Ishmael, into the Wilderness (Gen. 21:14) to clear the decks for Isaac, and Ishmael’s claimed Muslim descendants are still settling that score. Isaac quickly questioned the value of being Abraham’s chosen son during the *Akeidah* (Gen. 22), but he eventually joined the game by denying Esau his birthright in favor of Jacob (Gen. 27). Esau’s Edomites would become a difficult neighbor for Israel (2 Sam. 8). Jacob completed the cycle by having no use for Leah’s oldest son, Reuben, even cursing him on his deathbed (Gen. 49:3-4). Rubenites were always sore about losing their first-born status, and they tried to reclaim that position by joining Korah’s Rebellion against Moses (Numbers 16:1). Jacob even scored a two-fer at his end game (Gen. 48) when he ignored Joseph’s request and gave a special blessing to Ephraim (the younger son) instead of Manassah. Sounds like 0-for-5 to me.

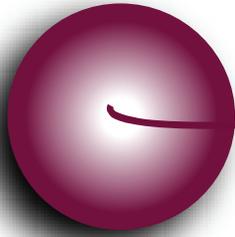
Modern scholars tend to agree that Deuteronomy was written much later (centuries, perhaps) than the other four Books of Torah. While Deuteronomy purports to be Moses’s final message

to the Israelites, certainly its writers were well aware that Deut. 21:15-17 squares in no way with family behavior patterns throughout Genesis. Since nothing is placed in Torah by chance, why then did they include it?

If one reads Deut. 21:15-17 in the context of the first four Books, then it serves merely as an indictment of ancestral family dysfunction. But what if it was placed there as a marker for Israeli families in the future? What if it’s an admonition for today’s Jewish parents to heed cautionary tales of the ancient ones and cherish their own first-born – regardless of how many shooting stars arise among subsequent children?

Not only that, what if the Deuteronomy passage is a timeless message for Judaism itself? In the millennia since Deuteronomy was written, Judaism has become one of three major religions purporting to be people of a Book and believers in One God. We may be the “chosen ones,” but Jews were persecuted relentlessly by Christians and Muslims during the Diaspora and Holocaust. It must have seemed the younger religions were blessed with good fortune while we were receiving the “Esau treatment.” Nonetheless, confounding all odds, Judaism survived. How did that happen? Could it be that, even while severely oppressed, Jews still felt God’s love – as expressed in our Book, in tradition and through support from fellow Jews?

In a sense, then, Deut. 21: 15-17 was also a message from Adonai to Himself. And at the very end of Moses’s farewell song to his people (“Haazinu,” Deut. 32:43), God promises a future expiation for the Jewish faithful. The first need not be least.



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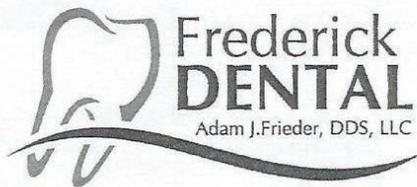
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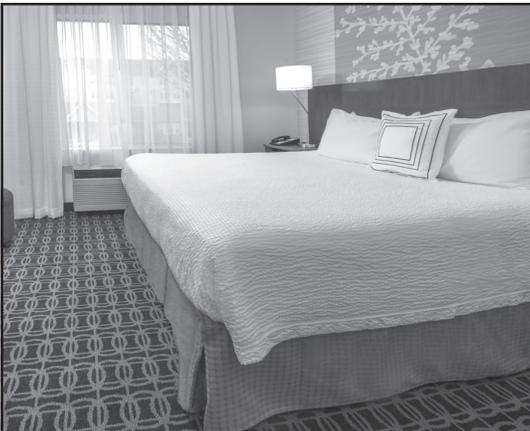
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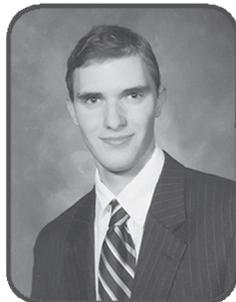
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### November/December 2017 Upcoming Events

#### November

Wed, Nov. 1	10:00 am	Women's Coffee
Fri, Nov. 3	6:30 pm	Tot Shabbat Service
	7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Sat, Nov. 4	10:00 am	Morning Service - Bar Mitzvah of Louis Chase
Sun, Nov. 5	10:00 am	Religious School at Monocacy Battlefield Visitor's Center
Mon, Nov. 6	12:30 pm	Torah Study
Tues, Nov. 7	6:30 pm	Brotherhood dinner
Wed, Nov. 8	12:30 pm	Book Club
Sun, Nov. 12	9:30 am	Religious School- Hanukkah Shopping Event
Mon, Nov. 13	12:30 pm	Torah Study
Fri, Nov. 17	7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service Installation of Rabbi Stratford
Sun, Nov. 19	9:30 am	Religious School
Mon, Nov. 20	12:30 pm	Torah Study
Thurs, Nov. 23		Thanksgiving Day
Sun, Nov. 26		NO Religious School
Mon, Nov. 27	12:30 pm	Torah Study
Wed, Nov. 29	7:30 pm	KATY Movie Night- The Princess Bride

#### December

Fri, Dec. 1	6:30 pm	Tot Shabbat
	7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service/ 7th Grade Service
Sun, Dec. 3	9:30 am	Religious School - 3rd Grade workshop
Mon, Dec. 4	12:30 pm	Torah Study
Tues, Dec. 5	6:30 pm	Brotherhood dinner
Wed, Dec. 6	10:00 am	Women's Coffee
Sun, Dec. 10	9:30 am	Religious School
Mon, Dec. 11	12:30 pm	Torah Study
Fri, Dec. 15	7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service/ 5th/6th Grade Service
Sun, Dec. 17	9:30 am	Religious School
Mon, Dec. 18	12:30 pm	Torah Study
Sun, Dec. 24		Winter Break- NO Religious School
Mon, Dec. 25		NO Torah Study
Sun, Dec. 31		Winter Break- NO Religious School