



# The Voice

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## Spring into Passover

Rabbi Simon Stratford



**A**rguably the single most important Jewish holiday of the year, Passover, commemorates the Israelites' liberation by God

from slavery in Egypt, their forty-year trek through the desert, and eventual freedom, as a nation in the Promised Land, under the leadership of Moses. Each year, after a long and bitterly cold winter, at the first scent of spring Jewish families and communities across the world come together to celebrate the holiday of Passover. At the time of this writing, Passover is just one week away. We have made it through winter; the vibrant cherry blossoms have emerged, and summer is just around the corner.

Yet, before school lets out and our children go off to summer camp, we will have gathered with friends and family for another year of Passover Seders. I hope the time spent around the Seder table with family and friends this year went off without a hitch. At our Seders this year we read, "in every generation one is obligated to see oneself as if they personally went out from Egypt." As we reminisce on our experience at Seder this year, let's be mindful of this teaching and what

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## Faith

Dan Sieger, President



**F**aith is a word that people interchange with Belief. Belief is something that, well, you believe in regardless of the scientific means that prove or disprove it.

Faith is something that you believe but that cannot, by any measurable means, be proven or disproved.

Recently, I had some free time and found myself going down the 'rabbit hole' of YouTube. The act of going down the rabbit hole is going from one item to another without realizing the path that you have taken, nor even knowing that there was such a path beforehand. I have come across a wide range of items: footage of the rocket booster from the space shuttle from takeoff to landing in the ocean, instructions for making tables out of resin, clips of people opening packages of sports cards, and the truly strange videos of the top 10 of something or another. What I came across time and time again was people or ideas that seem totally contrary to generally accepted facts, from 'man never walked on the moon,' 'the Earth is flat,' 'Paul McCartney died and was replaced with a lookalike,' and so many others that might make most scratch their heads. What I saw were people who believed 100% in what they were saying, despite proven scientific results that man did land on the moon and that the earth is round (actually it's an oblate spheroid).

When someone believes in something... is that faith? I would say no. Belief in something is what you view as the truth at that given time. I feel that they are two totally different words with different meanings. Life experiences or scientific understanding can change your belief. Faith, on the other hand, is what you believe, regardless of scientific evidence to prove the idea is true, false, or somewhere in the middle. There is no scientific way to prove or disprove one's religious figure (regardless of the belief of the individual).

This May, Joanna and I will have a high school graduate. She will be going off to college this Fall (at the University of Maryland – College Park). This will be a big step for all of us. Molly will begin her adult life away from us, Joanna will learn to let go, and I will learn to go day by day without seeing or talking to her.

Joanna will do all that she can to prepare Molly, getting her all of the stuff that she will need in her dorm room and making a homesick package that contains Franks Hot Sauce (or Buffalo Wild Wings Hot Sauce) and Cinnamon Toast Crunch. Joanna and I believe that Molly will do great in college. Our belief is backed up by her high school grade point average (when did they change the rules to get above a 4.0? Maybe they always had it and I just never was close enough to find out), her work ethic, and her passion to do the best that she can at everything that she does. Those are all measurable items that have data behind them. While I am aware that past results do not guarantee future performance, I

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it means for us personally and what it means for our neighbors of the world.

We live as free people in America; nevertheless, that does not mean that we are free from other potential negative influences in life. Just as the Egyptians afflicted the Israelites, there are ways in which we are still afflicted today. Perhaps we are afflicted by our jobs? Or we feel afflicted by our expectations of ourselves, of others, or our fears? Each of us, to some degree, remains afflicted. Let this Passover season of rebirth and renewal, be a time to rid ourselves of our personal afflictions, our individual *mitzrayim* – our own “narrow places.”

Passover Seder is the longest running religious tradition still practiced today. For fifteen hundred years, Jewish families have gathered each spring to retell the story of our ancestor’s plight as slaves in

Egypt. Every year we are commanded to consider what it means to be free. Despite our physical freedom, we are by no means free from our responsibility to do good unto others, for the betterment of our entire world. As we hold the memories of this year’s Seders in our mind’s eye, let us recall the Seder as a form of inspiration - the inspiration for a world redeemed, and for the potential for all peoples to be free from the shackles of slavery wherever it may reside. Let us recall the Seder as a call for liberation – a liberation of the self from the personal slavery we endure every day. Let our experience celebrating Passover this year be a constant reminder in the months and year ahead of our responsibility to free ourselves from the burdens of personal enslavement and to do all in our power to help others who remain enslaved in our world.

## From Dan Sieger, President

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believe that Molly will continue to be successful. Time will tell if this belief is true or not.

Where faith comes in is... I have faith that the job that Joanna and I have done to get Molly to this point in her life, by showing her that her religion is a part of her life, that people do good for others, making the right choices, that mistakes can happen but she can learn from them, will make her the best person she can be. Our faith in Molly will always be strong, wherever her successes and challenges lead her.

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# Why was this night different from all other Seder nights?

By Diane Rifkin



On April 10, 2019, nearly 70 women gathered for the 5th Women's Seder of Frederick, which was held at Beth Sholom Congregation. Women and young ladies age 12 and older from the Frederick community were invited to this special biennial event. Congregants from both Beth Sholom Congregation and Congregation Kol Ami of Frederick helped to plan, support, and prepare for this special Seder, led by women and for women.

The Passover Seder focuses on the retelling of the story of the liberation of the Jewish people from the bondage of slavery in ancient Egypt. A specially created Haggadah for the Frederick Women's Seder highlighted the crucial role women played in the Israelite exodus from Egypt. The heroic stories Yocheved, Shifra, Puah, Miriam, and Batya were shared during the Seder. We learned that Yocheved (Moses's mother) and Shifra and Puah (the midwives) defied Pharaoh's decree to kill all Israelite baby boys. Yocheved initially hid baby Moses and then placed him in a basket in the bulrushes along the side of the Nile River with the hope that he would be found and adopted. To ensure the baby's safety, Moses's sister, Miriam, hides nearby and watches over the baby. Batya, Pharaoh's daughter, saves Moses from the Nile River and adopts him, defying her own father's decree. Miriam boldly connected

Yocheved to Batya to serve as a nursemaid for the baby which enabled Yocheved to play a role in her son's life as long as he needed her milk.

The Seder leaders, Cantor Shulie Hersh and Sharon Kuebbing did a wonderful job singing and telling the Exodus story with insightful readings from many women in the room. Thanks to Marcy Taylor and the many volunteers who helped contribute, plan, and prepare for the Frederick Women's Seder including the hard-working servers; it was truly a delightful and inspiring evening.

The Frederick Women's Seder was different from all Seder nights as women from all backgrounds in the Frederick community gathered and were inspired by the courageous and brave actions of Yocheved, Shifra, Puah, Miriam, and Batya. We met new friends, renewed old friendships, and reflected about how we can join together and make the world a better place. It is important to acknowledge other women and men throughout our history who have taken a stand in favor of liberty, freedom, and justice for all. With the rise of anti-Semitism and bigotry worldwide, we should all be inspired by the story of Passover in order take a stand to ensure human decency, respect, kindness, freedom, and justice for all.



## Upcoming Events

### Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah

Josh Yancer - May 18, 2019



#### Max Paul Dabruzzo June 8, 2019

Max is the son of Nick and Brett Dabruzzo. He is in 7th grade at Urbana Middle School. Max is a straight-A student but also has time to enjoy riding his bike, playing with friends, and playing hockey. He is an avid dog lover and just loves all animals. Max has four canine siblings, and his family run a non-profit rescue and rehabilitation organization called Wags to Riches and Rehab. In the past year, they have saved 25 dogs. Max is a consistent honor roll student and very conscientious about his grades. He loves sports and has played ice hockey for about 5 years. The Pittsburgh Penguins are his favorite team!



#### Matthew Goldstein June 22, 2019

Matthew is the son of Judy Simpson and Daniel Goldstein. Matthew attends Shepherdstown Middle School in West Virginia where he has received several academic awards. He is an active member of the Future Farmers of America. Matthew is looking forward to his Bar Mitzvah and sharing his special occasion with his family and friends.

### Join us for Girl's Night Out!

Thursdays, May 23 and June 27  
6:30 p.m.

**Stay tuned for details.**

### Join us for Torah Study

Fascinating topics, interesting discussions.  
Mondays at 12:30 p.m. at the office  
(May 6 and June 1 are at Buckingham's Choice)

May 6, 13, and 20  
June 3, 10, 17, and 24

### Brotherhood Dinner

**Tuesdays, May 7 and June 4 at 6:30 pm**

Greetings, one and all for the May Brotherhood Dinner

#### Chili's

5100 Pegasus Court (across from the Westview Movies)  
Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30 pm

Interested and able to join us? Please RSVP, using the following link so that we have an accurate head count:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JSRYR5B>



April Brotherhood dinner

### Yom Hashoah

**Sunday, May 5 at 1 pm at Beth Sholom**

Herta Griffel Batch, a Holocaust survivor with a unique story, will be the guest speaker at Beth Sholom and Kol Ami's annual Holocaust Memorial Program.

Join us on Sunday, May 5th at 1 pm in memory of the millions of souls lost during the Holocaust. The Frederick Jewish community gathers in solidarity together along with members of the greater community, local politicians, and civil leadership to denounce hatred and bigotry, affirm our commitment to life, freedom, and justice for all, and pledge that *Never Again* will something as horrific as the Holocaust become a reality. These are difficult times. Anti-Semitic hate crimes have substantially increased since 2016 and our obligation to come together in support of our culture and tradition is ever present.

While there is no charge, donations are greatly appreciated.

## Upcoming Events

### Save the date for our Annual Meeting

Monday, June 3, 7 pm at UUCF

### Women's Coffee

Wednesdays, May 1 and June 5

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](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a45a9a92d6-womens)

### Join us for Services at the UU!

May 3, 17 and 18 • June 7, 8, 21 and 22



Our 4th "Annual" Trivia Night fundraiser will be Saturday, May 4 from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Villages of Urbana Clubhouse, 9023 Harris Street. Come see why trivia has gotten so popular and is a lot of fun!! Create a team of 8 or you can be paired with some "trivia experts".

Advanced registration for Kol Ami members is \$10 per person and \$12 for non-members. Payment at the door will be \$12 for Kol Ami members and \$14 for non-members. Price includes snacks and a drink. There will be prizes for the winning team!

Trivia Night is for adults, KATY members, and teens (13+). Friends, family and neighbors are welcome too!!

**To register, go to [kolamifrederick.org](http://kolamifrederick.org), and click on the link for Trivia Night. For more information, email David Silberman at [dssilberman@aol.com](mailto:dssilberman@aol.com).**

### Please welcome new members!

Mandy Schwab, Ryan and Brody

Matt Zuhl and Rosie Graf

Glenn and Sonya Smith,  
Riley and Mason

David and Saleena DeVore,  
Riley and Hannah

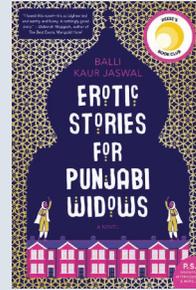
### The Sisterhood Book Club

Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 12:30 pm.

**Note New Location:  
Old Dominion Grill And Sushi**

Evergreen Square

5732 Buckeystown Pike (Route 85) Frederick, MD



### *Erotic Stories for Punjabi Widows*

by Balli Kaur Jaswal

Go to the following link to RSVP and read a synopsis of the book:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a45a9a92d6-kolami1>

### Please Donate- A New Kol Ami Website is Coming!

We are happy to announce that the Kol Ami's Board of Trustees has approved the design of a new website for our congregation. Thanks to generous members of our congregation, we have already been able to make a down payment for the new website design. We are all looking forward to a fresh, easy-to-navigate, user friendly and mobile compatible website, along with an updated data management system. Our goal is to improve communication within the congregation, enhance our image within the Frederick community and attract new members. Please consider donating to the Advertising and Communications Fund under the 'Support Us' tab on [kolamifrederick.org](http://kolamifrederick.org).

If you are interested in joining the Communications and Public Relations Committee or have ideas to share about updating our website, please contact Diane Rifkin at 301-401-6891 or email [communications@kolamifrederick.org](mailto:communications@kolamifrederick.org).

### Stella and Dot Fundraiser Brings Glitter and Smiles

By Harriet Buxbaum

The Second Annual Stella and Dot Fundraising Event was held on March 16 at the home of Samantha Lieberman. Gina Mayers, the Stella and Dot stylist, generously donated her commissions to Kol Ami. We cannot thank her enough for making this event such a success. A great time was had by all. In addition to enjoying the homemade baked goods, attendees were able to socialize and add more "needed" glitter and glitz to their jewelry chests. If you need any jewelry thought the year, please be sure to contact [www.stelladot.com/ginamayers](http://www.stelladot.com/ginamayers).

## Religious School Students Earn Scouting Awards

By Andie Sante

Congregation Kol Ami once again hosted a Scout Shabbat Service on Friday, February 22, 2019. Three of Kol Ami's Religious School students earned Jewish Scouting Awards for their age group. Liam Davis earned his Ner Tamid Award, Maggie Polak earned her Bat Or Award, and JD Polak earned his Maccabee Award. Earning these awards was challenging for all three students and also very rewarding. When asked why he wanted to pursue the Ner Tamid religious emblem, Liam Davis said, "I wanted to get the Ner Tamid award because I didn't know any people who had a religious award. Since it was a rare award, it seemed interesting to go for."

They did research into Jewish history, their own family histories, geography, and Hebrew words and phrases. They also met with Rabbi Stratford to show and explain the work they did to earn their awards. We are very proud of our students for their hard work in earning these important awards!

*"I like the fact that I am the only one in my troop who has this award. I really liked learning about how my Saba came to America. I got to share Jewish cooking with my Girl Scout Troop. I also liked that my family and friends were at the Scout Shabbat with me when I earned my Bat Or Award."*

—Maggie Polak

*"I had fun learning all the things about being Jewish. My favorite part was earning the award at services with my family, Mr. Chip and my Scout friends."*

—JD Polak



Scout Shabbat 2019

## Sponsoring an Oneg

Are you celebrating a special anniversary, birthday, graduation, or promotion? Did your student come home with a great report card? Do you have someone in mind that you would like to thank or honor? Sponsoring an oneg is a great way to do that! For \$80 you can have us provide a cake with a message of your choice, and some other yummy snacks after services. If you would prefer to do the preparation and baking yourself, you can do that too. Please provide a challah (you don't have to bake it yourself!) if you are doing your own baking.

We will publicize it in the weekly bulletin, so your friends and family will be sure to come to services to be part of the celebration. Your name and the occasion will be announced during services.

In order to sponsor an oneg, please contact Joanna Sieger, at [education@kolamifrederick.org](mailto:education@kolamifrederick.org). She will make sure the date is available, order the food, and get the information in the weekly bulletin.

## Religious School Update

Joanna Sieger, Education Director



We have had a fabulous, fun year at religious school. We were fortunate to have wonderful teachers helping us this year. All our staff are members of the Kol Ami community. We need three more community members to help us next year. I am looking to fill a Hebrew teaching position. This is a new model for next year and in order to try it out, we need someone who is willing to share their Hebrew skills with our students on Sunday mornings. We are also looking for two more teachers – curriculum and materials are provided. Let me know if you're interested ([education@kolamifrederick.org](mailto:education@kolamifrederick.org)).

**Summer skills maintenance** is always a struggle. How do you keep the religious school momentum going? Attend services. Congregation Kol Ami has services the first and third Fridays each month - double check the calendar at [kolamifrederick.org](http://kolamifrederick.org) to be sure. Attending Shabbat services helps enhance your child's Hebrew skills and gives them a chance to practice what they know. Traveling? Attend another synagogue's service. What a cool way to show your child that everyone is doing this! You can always pull out their Hebrew book and have them read you a few lines – but attending

services is much more fun!

### **New requirements for pre-B'nai Mitzvah**

Students in 6th and 7th grade will be required to attend a minimum of 70% of religious school classes. Failure to do so could result in your b'nai mitzvah date being rescheduled. While this is not a requirement in our other grades, please keep in mind that attending class regularly helps your child. They gain skills and information that will set them up for success when they get to the upper grades. I have been asked why we now have this requirement. While we realize that families and our students are committed to many other activities, when religious school is not made a priority and students who are pre-b'nai mitzvah miss too many classes, they are not adequately prepared, nor have they gained the true meaning of the event. It is frustrating when students do not attend regularly, and they fall behind the class. Think of it this way - would your baseball coach let your child play in the game if they never came to practice? Would your child's music teacher allow them to participate in their recital if they missed practices and weren't able to play the piece? The concept is the same. I am happy to discuss this policy, or if you wish, you can contact the President at [president@kolamifrederick.org](mailto:president@kolamifrederick.org).

## Purim 2019



*A great time was had by all who attended the Purim party! Families enjoyed many activities, the highlight of which was the Hamentashen walk. Special thanks to all of those who volunteered and baked for this event - especially our Hamentashen contest judges who had the hardest job! Congratulations to our winners: Samantha Lieberman and the baking duo of Mayson Smith and Brooke Lieberman.*



## Our Religious School Needs YOU!

**Hebrew teacher** - to teach Hebrew to grades 4-7. Classes will rotate through your classroom (30-40 minutes each class). Hebrew expectations for each grade level will be provided.

**Jewish Studies teachers** - curriculum provided.

Please contact Joanna Sieger at [education@kolamifrederick.org](mailto:education@kolamifrederick.org) for information.

## Wish your friends a happy birthday and give to Kol Ami!

Everyone likes to be remembered, and it's time to celebrate our May, June and July birthday "girls and boys".

All you have to do is cut out the list, place a checkmark next to the name(s) of those you want to send a greeting, (at \$1.00 per greeting), and sign the list the way you want your name written on the card. Please make your check out to Congregation Kol Ami of Frederick, and mail it to

Judi Feldman, 5005 Small Gains Way, Frederick, MD 21703.

Judi will send out a festive card, to each recipient, with the names of those sending birthday wishes. Cards for May birthdays will be mailed on May 20th. Please respond ASAP and before May 15th.

Very Important: Please check the list and make sure we did not omit your name or the name(s) of your family members. If you have any questions, please call Judi at (216) 402-5543.

Thank you very much!

Birthday greetings from: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please indicate how the cards should be signed, i.e. Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Jane Smith, or The Smith Family)

### May Birthdays

- Atlas Black
- Denver Black
- Mia Egerman
- Judi Feldman
- Francine Koitz
- Eliana Lasko
- Brendan Manetz
- Alex Maymon
- Jeff Maymon
- Steve McMahan
- Kevin McMullen
- Kenneth Meehan
- Jessica Nelson
- Violet Nelson
- Sara Parnes
- Carol Reynolds
- Diane Rifkin
- David Silberman

### June Birthdays

- Noah Bilow
- Sarah Bilow
- Colt Black
- Harriet Buxbaum
- Cody Duckhorn
- Matthew Goldstein
- Adam Hoffrichter
- Hayden Lazorchak
- Reagan McMahan
- Faith Miller
- Charlie Nail
- Jessica Price
- Cathy Reifman
- Daniel Reifman
- Dan Sieger
- Sarah Sieger
- Jordan Wanuck
- Joshua Wanuck
- Ethan Yospin

### July Birthdays

- Joseph Berman
- Bernard Bordenick
- William Fawley
- Merritt Gordon
- Liam Griesacker
- Frannie Kessler
- James Lavo
- Liliane Loube
- Michael Loube
- Timothy Manetz
- Aaron Nail
- Noah Nail
- Zachary Nelson
- Elizabeth Powell
- Michelle Rifkin
- Landon Schimel
- Jordan Schneider
- Reece Shavell
- Angela Spiegel Kearney
- Keith Stickley
- David Twenhafel

**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 Paryshot for May and June are as follows:

### May 4 – *Acharei Mot II, Leviticus 18:1-30*

Moses condemns the sexual practices of some neighboring peoples. Certain forms of sexual relations are prohibited.

### May 11 – *Kedoshim, Leviticus 19:1-20:27*

The essence of Torah. God provides a Holiness Code by issuing a series of commandments on how to be a holy people.

### May 18 – *Emor, Leviticus 21:1-24:23*

The set times of the Jewish calendar are named and described. Instructions for lighting the sanctuary menorah and displaying sanctuary bread.

### May 25 – *B’har, Leviticus 25:1-26:2*

God instructs Moses regarding treatment for the Seventh years and the Jubilee Year (49th year). God requires Israelites not to make idols, to keep the Sabbath and to venerate God’s sanctuary.

### June 1 – *B’chukotai, Leviticus 26:3-27:34*

God promises blessings to the Israelites, if they follow the law. Gifts made to the Sanctuary are described.

### June 8 – *B’midbar, Numbers 1:1-4:20*

God commands a census of all Israelite males. Duties of Levites are detailed. Tribes are assigned specific locations in the camp around the Tabernacle. Moses’ and Aaron’s family are assigned their responsibilities.

### June 15 – *Naso, Numbers 4:21-7:89*

Certain Levites have a census, and their duties are described. Obligations of a Nazirite vow are explained. God tells Moses how to teach Aaron and his sons the Priestly Blessing.

### June 22 – *B’haalot’cha, Numbers 8:1-12:16*

God describes the menorah for the Tent of Meeting. Once the cloud lifts from the Tabernacle, the people leave Sinai. When the Israelites complain about the lack of meat, God provides meat and then makes them regret their kvetching.

### June 29 – *Sh’lach L’cha, Numbers 13:1-15:41*

Moses sends 12 spies to scout the Land of Israel. Despite the positive report of Joshua and Caleb, the people are too frightened to enter. God becomes angry at their lack of faith and says they will wander in the Wilderness instead.

## A Home for God

By Charolette Mayberry

The last portion in Exodus is Pekudei (Exodus 38:21-40:38), and what a comforting and hopeful ending it is to the most exciting story in Torah! We all know the story of Moses and the miracles God performs for the Jewish people, because this is the story of the Haggadah. We know about the burning bush, the Tablets of the Law which God gives to Moses on Mount Sinai and the building and destruction of the golden calf. Perhaps we never thought the Israelites built a golden calf because they had such desperate need to have God in their presence. In response to their cry, God instructs Moses to build a place where God may dwell among the people. This dwelling was the *mishkan*, God’s portable home. There is a *midrash* (Biblical story) telling us God said to Moses that God had made a world for him. Now it was Moses’s turn to make a world for God. The world God wanted Moses to build was the *mishkan*.

Fourteen chapters of Exodus allude to the building of this *mishkan* (or tent of meeting), and in the last chapter this wonderful place is completed. Jewish mysticism tells us there are certain similarities between the creation story in the first chapter of Genesis and the completion of the *mishkan*. In Genesis 2:2-3 we learn, “The Heaven and earth were finished in all their array. On the seventh day He ceased from all work that He had done. And God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy.” The work of the completion of the *mishkan* is told in

Exodus Chapters 39 and 40. Seven times we read the Israelites perform this work, “as the Lord had commanded Moses.” These seven speeches mirror the description in Genesis of God’s world creation in seven days. On the sixth day, the work of building the *mishkan* was completed, and in Exodus 39:43 we read that “Moses blessed the Israelites.” The seventh and final day commands the Israelites to keep the Sabbath, just as the Sabbath is God’s day of rest (Exodus 31:12-17).

Exodus 40:33 states, “When Moses had finished the work the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the Presence of the Lord filled the Tabernacle.” The Israelites now have their own portable Sinai. The closing verses of Chapter 40 tell us, “When the cloud lifted from the Tabernacle, the Israelites would set out on their various journeys; but if the cloud did not lift they would not set out until such time as it did lift. For over the Tabernacle a cloud of the Lord rested by day, and the fire would appear in it by night, in view of all the house of Israel throughout their journeys.” God had moved into the Israelites’ portable Sinai!

The words in Chapter 40:35 seem sad because they say, “the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the Presence of the Lord filled the Tabernacle. Moses could not enter the Tent of Meeting.” I wondered, is God finished talking with Moses? But the first words of Leviticus are, “The Lord called to Moses and spoke to him.” God and Moses have a lot of work to do before this band of escaped slaves becomes a nation, but for now God has his home among the people.

# Come out to the ballpark and fundraise for Kol Ami

The Fundraising Committee is so excited to partner with the Frederick Keys for a fundraising activity. We will be working at one of the regular booths, probably Dug Out Dogs concession stand, ringing up sales, pouring beer and soda, and handing out food orders. We will not be involved in cooking or preparing food items. By volunteering for a shift (4 hours), Kol Ami will be reimbursed \$42/person/shift. This is a fantastic opportunity for our congregation to raise more than \$5,000.

We have selected 25 dates during the Keys season to work.

Dates in June through September still need volunteers. We would like for each volunteer to select at least 3-5 games. Each volunteer will be assigned a 4-hour shift. Volunteers are required to be at the park 1/2 hour before the gates open, which is an hour before the start of the game. If the game runs over the 4-hour shift, and you are able to stay, we get paid additional money for the extra time we work.

**Please fill out the form and return to [valarie\\_lazerowich@yahoo.com](mailto:valarie_lazerowich@yahoo.com) before May 30, 2019.**

Volunteer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Check dates you can work	Date	Arrival Time	Gate Open Time	Comments
	Saturday, June 1	4:30 PM	5 PM	
	Tuesday, June 18	TBD	TBD	
	Thursday, June 27	5:30 PM	6 PM	
	Friday, June 28	5:30 PM	6 PM	
	Saturday, June 29	4:30 PM	5 PM	
	Sunday, June 30	11:30 AM	12 Noon	
	Friday, July 26	5:30 PM	6 PM	
	Saturday, July 27	4:30 PM	5 PM	
	Sunday, July 28	11:30 AM	12 Noon	
	Friday, August 9	5:30 PM	6 PM	
	Saturday, August 10	4:30 PM	5 PM	
	Sunday, August 11	11:30 AM	12 Noon	
	Friday, August 30	5:30 PM	6 PM	
	Saturday, August 31	4:30 PM	5 PM	
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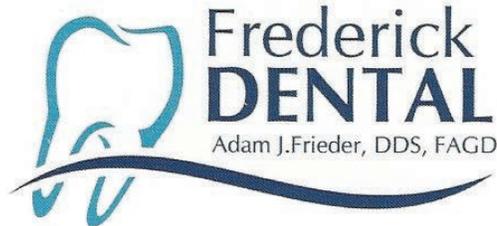
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Please consider accepting this position. Our current food fairy has picked up some extra responsibilities, so she needs to hand this position over to someone else. She would be happy to “train” the new food fairy.

For more information, or to volunteer for the position, please contact Joanna Sieger at [education@kolamifrederick.org](mailto:education@kolamifrederick.org)

## Member Finances

As a volunteer-run organization, Kol Ami relies heavily on its members to do everything from setting up onegs on Shabbat to coordinating social programming. While everything we ask of members is important, honoring financial commitments to the congregation is consistently among the most important thing we ask of our congregants. Without your financial support, there could be no Kol Ami.

Remember that financial assistance agreements are valid for one fiscal year (July through June). While we are aware that some members may need help from year to year, we require that you resubmit a new application each year, as we do not

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## Return Service Requested

### May/June 2019 Upcoming Events

May			June		
Wed, May 1	10:00am	Women's Coffee	Mon, June 3	12:30pm	Torah Study
Fri, May 3	6:30pm	Tot Shabbat Service		7:00pm	Congregational Annual Meeting
	7:30pm	Erev Shabbat Service and 7th Grade Class Service	Tues, June 4	12:30pm	Fundraising Meeting
Sat, May 4	7:00pm	Trivia Night		6:30pm	Brotherhood Dinner
Sun, May 5	1:00pm	Beth Sholom/Kol Ami Holocaust Program	Wed, June 5	10:00am	Women's Coffee
Mon, May 6	12:30pm	Torah Study	Fri, June 7	6:30pm	Tot Shabbat Service
Tues, May 7	6:30pm	Brotherhood Dinner		7:30pm	Erev Shabbat Service
	7:00pm	Fundraising Meeting	Sat, June 8	10:00am	Shabbat Morning Service - Bar Mitzvah of Max Dabruzzo
Wed, May 8	12:30pm	Book Club	Mon, June 10	12:30pm	Torah Study
Thurs, May 9	7:00pm	Communications & PR Meeting	Thurs, June 13	7:00pm	Communications & PR Meeting
Sun, May 12		Mother's Day	Sun, June 16		Father's Day
Mon, May 13	12:30pm	Torah Study	Mon, June 17	12:30pm	Torah Study
Fri, May 17	7:30pm	Erev Shabbat Service	Fri, June 21	7:30pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Sat, May 18	10:00am	Shabbat Morning Service - Bar Mitzvah of Josh Yancer	Sat, June 22	10:00am	Shabbat Morning service - Bar Mitzvah of Matt Goldstein
Mon, May 20	12:30pm	Torah Study	Mon, June 24	12:30pm	Torah Study
	7:00pm	Board of Trustees Meeting		7:00pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thurs, May 23		Lag B'Omer			
Mon, May 27		Memorial Day			