



The Voice

Office and Worship: Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Frederick (UUCF) 4880 Elmer Derr Rd., Frederick, MD 21703

Gathering in Community

Rabbi Simon Stratford



Summer marks the end of another school year and the beginning of a new year for our congregation. Personally, this

year marks the beginning of my third year as your rabbi. The last twelve months have been filled with shared experiences of joy, celebration, and sorrow. I am proud of the accomplishments we have made together and thank you for being a part of this community. Allow me to take this time to share with you some of our successes over the past year.

Last summer we voted in and installed members of the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee. Throughout the year, the lay leadership of the community and I have engaged in meaningful discussion around what it means to be a member of the board of this congregation. This past June, we offered our thanks to those members of the board who have fulfilled their service to the congregation and welcomed new members of the board in their place. Later this summer, we will be installing our newly elected Board of Trustees during a Shabbat service. I hope you will join us.

The past year has been filled with

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The Year in Review

Dan Sieger, President



Wow... has it really been a year since I became the President of Kol Ami? It seems like only yesterday that I was just elected as

President and followed the best President we have ever had (and this has nothing to do with the fact I am married to her). As I start this upcoming year, I want to take a moment to thank people that have been so helpful this past year. A wise man told me once that you should never call out individuals by name to say thanks, as you will be sure to miss someone and end up hurting their feelings. So, I want to thank all of my officers, past and present board members, new board members that are just starting their board experience, and everyone that has stepped up and helped out in any way. Without you, we would not be able to continue our Kol Ami programming.

This past year has been a year of change. We moved from our cold, out of the way office on Thomas Johnson Drive to share space with the Universalist Unitarian Congregation. This not only puts the Rabbi close to the sanctuary, close to the Torah but also saves the congregation money each month. Changes are bound to continue; we are working to make each event better than before. Many hours are contributed by people who care about this congregation. By giving their time and effort, they make Congregation Kol Ami of Frederick a better place.

As with any organization, the same people cannot do everything. We are looking for new ideas, new people, and

new attitudes to continue the change. Change from doing it 'this way' to doing it a better way. I have looked throughout the congregation and tried to streamline processes and implement new procedures that will help this congregation for years to come. This activity is not a one and done, as I will continue to see where improvements can be made and reach out to individuals that can help lead that effort.

We are looking to update our antiquated website. We will be putting our best foot (or face) forward, and we need your pictures to put on the website. Why pay for stock pictures when we have some 'pretty' swell people? So, please send pictures to Diane Rifkin (communications@kolamifrederick.org).

As with the website, what will make an event better than before? YOU. I am not asking for you to take on a major role (although we do have those and would be more than happy if you did) but become a helper, a committee member, or even just attend the event. You may see something that you like and will want to be part of it next time. Everyone is working hard, and the effort and hours are appreciated.

The membership has ebbed and flowed over the past few years. It seems that whenever we lose a member, for whatever the reason, a new member becomes part of the community. I am excited about this upcoming year. I can see more changes in the future and new people becoming members of Congregation Kol Ami. This is a good thing, and change is a good thing. With your help, Congregation Kol Ami will remain a leader of Jewish life in Frederick County.

From Rabbi Simon Stratford

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learning opportunities for individuals and families of all ages. In the winter, I concluded my first Introduction to Judaism course with an average of eight students. Some attended just for the learning, while others enrolled in the class with the intention of converting to Judaism. It was an enjoyable and educational year. In a few months, we will have welcomed five new individuals as members of the Jewish people. I am continuing to work with individuals who are on the path toward conversion.

Moreover, this year, we gathered on a bi-monthly basis for a Movies & Midrash Series, an adult education film series. Using cinema as a springboard to discuss central Jewish texts and matters of belief, we explored what Jewish tradition, text, and theology have to say about the lessons and themes arising from influential and compelling films. We had a great turn out at each of these events

and will continue this educational series this year. The next Movies & Midrash is on July 20, and if you'd like to attend or even host the event at your home, please be in touch.

This year at Sunday school we introduced a weekly morning assembly to the school day, during which the entire school gathered to sing morning prayers, learn Hebrew, make Havdalah (the ceremony that denotes the end of Shabbat and the beginning of a new week), and set our intentions for a great day in class. I am excited to welcome our students back in the Fall and continue morning assembly as a means of building community amongst our entire religious school community. As a reminder, parents are encouraged to join us for assembly on Sunday mornings.

Each summer, we read from Torah, the book of Numbers. The narrative tells of the ancient Israelites trials and

tribulations experienced while wandering the desert. The symbolism of the desert as the backdrop of our ancestors' travels is largely discussed. The arid landscape offers the perfect opportunity for the Israelites to be without distraction, for individuals to engage in deep introspection, and for the entire people to experience revelation, and through shared experiences, create a lasting collective memory of the Jewish people for centuries to come. The narrative of our ancestor's wandering illustrates that our individual and communal journeys are as free flowing as dust drifting across the desert floor. When we gather in community, our lives become interwoven through shared experiences of our tradition. We can embrace the spirit of the desert when we go about our daily lives free of confusion, doubt, and with confidence that our shared experiences are what will carry us through.

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Religious School Update

Joanna Sieger, Director of Education



Happy summer! I hope everyone is enjoying their summer break

from school. Summer is an excellent time to relax and regroup and ... practice Hebrew. We find that many children lose Hebrew skills over the summer, much like reading and math. At a time when activities are slowed and they have no other homework, summer provides an opportunity for our students to practice their Hebrew a few times a week. I encourage you to also attend services throughout the summer as well.

If you have not already sent in registration materials

for September, please do so NOW. This will enable us to have appropriate staff as well as materials for each student. Registration materials can be found on our website at kolamifrederick.org or you can email me at education@kolamifrederick.org and I will send it to you.

I am still looking for a religious school teacher and Jewish Studies teacher. I would love your support of our school by being able to welcome you to our staff. Curriculum and materials — including lesson plans — are provided. If you are interested or have questions about the position, email education@kolamifrederick.org.

Our Religious School Needs YOU!

Seeking a rewarding experience with a dynamic group of students and parents?

If you have a few hours on Sunday mornings, Congregations Kol Ami invites you to join us in teaching our young congregants at Religious School. All curriculum and materials are provided. Not ready to commit to teaching a full class? We have positions for a Jewish Studies teacher, substitutes and co-teaching with an experienced educator. Email education@kolamifrederick.org with your questions and to participate in passing our Jewish traditions to the next generation.

Registration for 2019-2020 Religious School is open

If you missed the Spring submission or are new to Kol Ami, registration for the Fall Religious School (grades k – 10), forms are available online at kolamifrederick.org/content/religious-school.

Or email education@kolamifrederick.org.

High Holiday Services Volunteer Requests

By Jodi Duckhorn

This year Kol Ami's High Holiday services will return to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation. The High Holidays are most meaningful when we all help. Planning and executing the High Holy Days requires about 80 volunteers. There are roles for everyone, including your teenagers. The tasks are varied, and we can assure you get one that works for you – and complies with the time you have available.

Please sign-up to help using this link: signupgenius.com/go/20F0C48ADAE2FABF58-2019

Let's work to make the upcoming High Holidays Kol Ami's best ever. If you have any questions or concerns, please email at highholidays@kolamifrederick.org or jodiduck@gmail.com.

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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.

Upcoming Events

MOVIES & MIDRASH

AN ADULT EDUCATION FILM SERIES

Popular Film and Jewish Religious Conversation. Using cinema as a springboard to discuss central Jewish texts and matters of belief. Join us as we explore what Jewish tradition, text, and theology have to say about the lessons and themes arising from influential and compelling films.

JULY 20, 2019: STRANGER THAN FICTION (2006)

NOVEMBER 2, 2019: THE FRISCO KID (1979)

JANUARY 11, 2020: THIS IS WHERE I LEAVE YOU (2014)

MARCH 14, 2020: A PRICE ABOVE RUBIES (1998)

MAY 9, 2020: EVERYTHING IS ILLUMINATED (2005)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT

Rabbi Simon Stratford rabbi@kolamifrederick.org or (240) 575 - 9690

Join us for Girl's Night Out!

Thursdays, July 25 and August 22

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

(July 1 and August 5 are at Buckingham's Choice)

July 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29

August 5, 12, 19 and 26

July and August Brotherhood Dinners

Join us for the upcoming Brotherhood dinners.

Tuesday, July 2 at 6:30 pm

Manhattan Pizza

200 Shorebird Street

Frederick (next to Buffalo Wild Wings)

Tuesday, August 6 at 6:30 pm

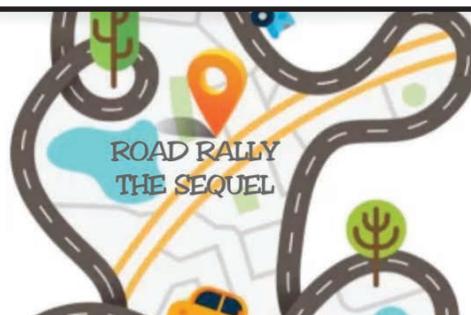
Annual summer BBQ at the home of Michael and Anne Cohen

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



Back by VERY Popular Demand
The Empty Nester's 2nd annual
Poetry...Photo
ROAD RALLY!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, July 14th
We will be meeting at the Westview Fountain
(in front of the movie:-)
3:30 pm

to be followed by dinner at
Matsutake Sushi & Steak

Prizes will be awarded

5.00 entrance fee per person

Please respond to Judi at judiafeldman@gmail.com

(Please let me know who you will be rallying with:-)

Upcoming Events

Women's Coffee

Wednesdays, July 3 and August 7

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

Join us for Services at the UU!

July 5 and 19 and August 2 and 16

Please welcome new members!

Aaron LaMere and Sandra Brenner-LaMere

Leslie Dieter

Marjorie Loggie and Chris Haas,
Alyssa Bolen and Aalia Haas

Sonya Goldstein and Earl Morrissey,
Drew Goldstein

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. She will make sure the date is available, order the food, and get the information in the weekly bulletin.

The Sisterhood Book Club

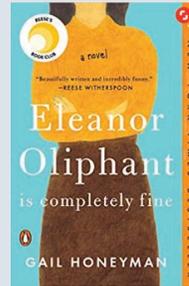
Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 12:30 pm.

Note New Location:

Old Dominion Grill And Sushi

Evergreen Square

5732 Buckeystown Pike (Route 85) Frederick, MD



Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine

by Gail Honeyman

Go 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!

Diane Rifkin, Communications and Public Relations Committee

We are happy to announce that a new Kol Ami Website is being designed for our congregation, and it will be launched this summer! Thanks to the devoted members of the Communications and Public Relations Committee, we are working to create an attractive, easy-to-navigate, user friendly and mobile compatible website, along with an updated data management system. We appreciate the generous contributions of our congregants to the Advertising and Communications Fund, which is helping to cover the costs for our new website development. 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. After July 31st, please visit the Donation Options page under 'Support' on the new website to donate to the Advertising and Communications Fund. If you are interested in joining the Communications and Public Relations Committee, please contact Diane Rifkin at 301-401-6891 or email communications@kolamifrederick.org.

2019–2020 Congregation Kol Ami Board of Trustees



Dan Sieger, President

Dan is married to Joanna and they have three children – Molly, 18, Zach, 16 and Sarah, 12. He is a native Marylander and has lived in Frederick since he and Joanna settled here 19 years ago. Since 2016, Dan has been very active in the congregation, participating on the search

committee for a new rabbi, among other things. He feels fortunate that he was able to see Rabbi Stratford's ordination in Cincinnati. He also taught kindergarten in our religious school and served as a trustee from 2017-2018.



Mary Cat Lasko, Vice President

Mary Cat is married to Jeff and lives in Walkersville with their three children – Mitch, 15, Caelyn, 12 and Eliana, 10. She works full time as a medical coder for a local billing company. The Laskos have been members of Kol Ami since 2012. Mary Cat has served as a trustee and currently is the Assistant

Director of the Religious School. In her free time, she enjoys watching medical and legal dramas, as well as spending time with family. Mary Cat feels honored to serve on the Board and be part of a warm and friendly congregation.



Anne Cohen, Vice President of Membership

Anne is married to Michael for almost 50 years, and they have lived in Frederick for 43 years. (They are, however, native New Yorkers.) They have two adult children and five grandchildren. The Cohens have been members of Kol Ami since 2006, and

Anne has served on the Board since 2009. She enjoys serving as membership chairperson and getting to meet new people. Anne is a retired Frederick County Public School middle school teacher who is enjoying retirement, which includes traveling to places on her long bucket list. Anne enjoys being part of this wonderful, supportive, caring community, the uplifting services, and the many friends they have made through Kol Ami.



Faith Miller, Treasurer

Faith, her husband Cliff and their cocker spaniel Daisy live in Crestwood Village. They relocated to Maryland from Georgia in April of 2018 to be close to their children, grandchildren, and sister and brother-in-law and joined Kol Ami that June. Faith retired from the University System of Georgia

as a Human Resource Director. Her degree is in accounting from Cleveland State University. She is a past president and treasurer of Congregation Rodeph Sholom in Rome, Georgia. In her free time, Faith sings with Harbor City Music Company, a Sweet Adeline chorus that placed 6th in International competition. Faith and Cliff feel they have found a home at Kol Ami, and Faith enjoys being part of the Kol Ami's leadership team.



Ralene Damanti, Financial Secretary

Originally from Brooklyn, NY, and remembering fondly when the Brooklyn Dodgers were at Ebbets Field, Ralene is married to Frank, and they live in Spring Ridge. The Damantis have six children and ten grandchildren. Ralene retired in 2015 from

Frederick County Public Schools after 31 years where she served as the Budget Coordinator for Special Education. Ralene and Frank have been members of Kol Ami since 2007. She has served as a Board Member and is currently the Financial Secretary. Ralene and Frank enjoy traveling, family visits and binge-watching on Netflix. Ralene enjoys the many warm relationships she has with other members of the congregation and the outstanding services conducted by Rabbi Stratford.



Lisa Stickley, Secretary

For the past 16 years, Lisa Stickley has been a Program Assistant for Special Education for Frederick County Public Schools. She is married to Keith Stickley, and they have three children (men); Jared, 26, Mason, 25, and Shane, 23. They have lived in Frederick for 26 years and have been members of

Congregation Kol Ami for the last 13 years. Lisa has participated and coordinated the annual mission trip to Franklinton with our sister congregation from the Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ (ERUCC) for the last seven years. Lisa loves the beach and spending time with family and friends. She is looking forward to being a part of the Executive Board of Congregation Kol Ami and working with some pretty amazing people!



Joanna Sieger, Immediate Past President

Joanna is married to Dan and lives in Adamstown with their three children – Molly, who has worked in our school since her Bat Mitzvah in 2014 and this year will be leaving for University of Maryland, Zachary, and Sarah, who is entering our 7th grade. After teaching for nine years for Kol Ami's religious

school, Joanna is serving her second year as our Education Director. Joanna is the director of the Beth Sholom Early Childhood Center in Frederick, where she also teaches the two-year old class. Additionally, she serves on the Executive Board of Kol Ami as the immediate past president.



Dan Bilow, Trustee

Dan graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1994 and has had nearly 25 years of Navy experience, both on active duty and in the reserves. On his final active duty tour at the Pentagon, he met Elizabeth. After his active duty service, Dan joined the Navy Reserves, but

was recalled to active duty immediately after 9/11 and to Haiti for eight months following the 2010 earthquake. Dan currently works as a senior office director for the Passports/Visa section of the U.S. Department of State. When he is not working or traveling, he participates in Aaron's marching band activities, Noah's baseball and ice hockey, and Sarah's figure skating and Girl Scout activities.



Jodi Duckhorn, Trustee

Jodi was raised in Howard County, Maryland where she met her husband Ed in 4th grade. They went to school together all the way through college at the University of Maryland. Now they live in Mount Airy with their three boys, Riley, 17, Brady, 15, and Cody, 12, and dog Simon, 10. She has worked as a Social

Scientist in the Federal Government for almost 25 years, currently at the Food and Drug Administration. In addition to watching her boys' sports and various activities, Jodi plays indoor soccer on the weekends. When their oldest son started religious school in 2008, the Duckhorns chose to join Congregation Kol Ami because of the welcoming and accepting community. Every year, Jodi serves as a room parent for her boys' religious school classes, and Jodi has been the High Holidays coordinator since 2014. Jodi is thankful for the close friendships she and her family have developed.



Amy Gordon, Trustee

Amy grew up in the suburbs of Philadelphia and has lived in Frederick for 12 years. She received her nursing degree from Towson University and went on to work at Johns Hopkins Hospital for 13 years. Since 2007, she has worked part-time at Frederick Memorial Hospital in their Cath Lab. She's married

to Scott Gordon, a Captain in the Frederick County Division of Fire & Rescue and has three wonderful boys—Hyatt, 11, Meritt, 10, and Beckett, 8. Since 2016, Amy has been the summer nurse at Camp Shores in Adamstown. When she is not driving to Hebrew School, soccer games or birthday parties, she can be found planning for her family's first Bar Mitzvah, set for October 2020. She has been involved with Kol Ami for the past six years and looks forward to getting to know more of the Kol Ami family.



Ali Lazorchak, Trustee

Ali, a native Baltimorean is married to Rob and lives in Point of Rocks with their son Hayden, 15. She has taught at Frederick High School for the last 23 years. The Lazorchak family runs a non-profit, Hayden's Heart Heroes (HHH), benefiting Johns Hopkins Pediatric Cardiology/Pediatric Intensive

Care Unit. HHH was established to honor their son who was born with hypoplastic left heart syndrome (half a heart). Ali is a member of the Patient and Family Advisory Council at Hopkins and a Parent to Parent Mentor. She serves as a trustee on the board of Frederick Regional Youth Orchestra. In her spare time, Ali maintains a blog, cooks, travels, shuttles Hayden to activities, and enjoys laughing with Rob and Hayden. The Lazorchaks have been members of Kol Ami for the past ten years. Ali serves as a trustee, a member of the education committee, and teaches in the religious school.



Samantha Lieberman, Trustee

Samantha has been married to Mike for 17 years, and they live in Urbana. They have three children, Grant, 15, Brooke, 12, Hunter, 7 and their dog Hope. Samantha serves on the Board of Trustees, the Fundraising Committee and the Education Committee. She taught first grade in the religious school for five years and seventh grade for the past

two years. When she is not driving the kids to their various activities, Samantha enjoys cooking, trying out new restaurants, traveling, theater, hanging out with friends and family and watching her favorite shows. Her family loves being part of Kol Ami for the warmth and support they experience from this community.



Lee Nelson, Trustee

Lee is married to Jessica and lives in Dayton (Howard County). They have three children, Zachary, 17, Eliza, 14, and Violet, 12. The Nelsons have been members of Congregation Kol Ami since 2008. During that time, the Nelson family has felt very welcome at Kol Ami and feel it is

the best fit for their family. As a result, when they moved to Dayton (from Mt. Airy) in 2011, they chose to stay at Kol Ami in spite of the 40-mile commute to Kol Ami services, activities and religious school. Lee works for the federal government, where he is an IT service coordinator. He spends most of his spare time with his family, traveling when possible, working around the yard and house, and supporting the kids' various activities.



Cathy Reifman, Trustee

Cathy lives in New Market with her husband, Jaques. They have two children, Julia, 24 years and Danny, 23 years old. They moved to Maryland from Chicago in 2001, when Jaques was hired to work as an Army scientist at Fort Detrick. Cathy works part-time as a pediatrician in a small group

practice in Eldersburg, Maryland. In her free time, Cathy enjoys traveling, reading, cooking and walking her dog, Wrigley, around her neighborhood. She is looking forward to seeing the Kol Ami family grow and thrive under the leadership of Rabbi Stratford.



Jordan Schneider, Trustee

Jordan is from Brooklyn, NY, and has lived in Urbana for the last eight years. He is the Director of Catering & Off Premise Sales and Operations for Capriotti's Sandwich Shop. Jordan has a daughter, Mara, who is 17. Some of his favorite activities are spending time with his family and friends, wine tastings, and anything sports related – whether Fantasy Baseball, Football or Basketball or a day at any ballpark. Serving as Kol Ami's President, Immediate Past President, Rabbi Search Committee Chairman and now trustee has been an honor for him. He looks forward to continuing to participate in Kol Ami's growth.

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

Everyone likes to be remembered, and it's time to celebrate our August and September 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. Please respond ASAP and **before July 25** for both months.

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)

August Birthdays

- Dan Bilow
- Mikayla Cary
- Richard Cody
- Anne Cohen
- Ralene Damanti
- Saleena DeVore
- Riley DeVore
- Ed Duckhorn
- Erika Egerman
- Mark Farbman
- Marvin Fink
- Michael Holman
- Barry Koitz
- Debra Manetz
- David Migdal
- Tamar Osterman
- Carolyn Plaisance
- Dan Schimel
- Maden Jane Schimel
- Joanna Sieger

- Glen Smith
- Duane Wehr
- Jeremy Yospin
- Celia Zahler

September Birthdays

- Joseph Anderson
- Frank Damanti
- Jeff Feiertag
- Philip Freedman
- Richard Kessler
- Caelyn Lasko
- Allison Lazorchak
- Samantha Lieberman
- Owen Migdal
- Wyatt Migdal
- Janet Parnes
- Addie Shavell
- Zachary Sieger
- Hannah Wehr

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Please contact Aaron LaMere at advertising@kolamifrederick.org or call 240-449-6177 with any questions, advertising rates, and to arrange a contract.

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 July and August are as follows:

July 6 – *Korah, Numbers 16:1-18:32*

Korah and his followers revolt against the leadership of Moses/Aaron and are destroyed by God. Kohanim and Levites are assigned to manage all donations to the Sanctuary.

July 13 – *Hukkat, Numbers 19:1-22:1*

The laws of the red heifer to purify those who had contact with a corpse. Israelites arrive at the wilderness of Zin, where Miriam dies and is buried. When the people complain they have no water, Moses strikes a rock to obtain it; whereupon God tells Moses/Aaron they won't enter the Land of Israel.

July 20 – *Balak, Numbers 22:2-25:9*

Balak, the king of Moab, asks the prophet Balaam to curse the Israelites so he can defeat them. But Balaam blesses them instead. God punishes the Israelites for consorting with Moabite women, then stays the plague after Pinchas kills an Israelite man and his Midianite woman.

July 27 – *Pinchas, Numbers 25:10-30:1*

Pinchas is rewarded for killing the Israelite/Midianite couple. Israel fights a war against the Midianites. A second census is taken. Joshua is chosen to be Moses' successor.

August 3 – *Matot-Masei, Numbers 30:2-36:13*

The laws regarding spoils of war are outlined. The tribes of

Reuben and Gad are granted permission to stay on the east bank of the Jordan. God tells the Israelites to remove the current inhabitants of Israel, and the boundaries of Israel are defined.

August 10 – *Devarim, Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22*

Moses begins his final discourse to the Children of Israel by reviewing their journey from Egypt. Moses describes their reaction to the negative reports of the spies and the appointment of Joshua as his successor.

August 17 – *Va'et-hannan, Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11*

Moses pleads with God to be allowed to enter Israel but is denied. Cities of refuge are set aside. The covenant at Sinai and the Ten Commandments are recalled. Moses repeats the Sh'ma and commands Israel to keep God's laws and ordinances.

August 24 – *Ekev, Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25*

Moses tells the Israelites they won't be harmed if they follow God's laws. Israel will overflow with milk and honey if the people keep the commandments AND teach them to their children.

August 31 – *Re-eh, Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17*

Moses' third discourse includes laws about worship, injunctions against idolatry, dietary rules and laws about tithes, debt remission and the release and treatment of Hebrew slaves.

The Cloud

By Kerry Reynolds

One of Percy Bysshe Shelley's best-known poems is titled, "The Cloud." The final stanza begins, "I am the daughter of Earth and Water, And the nursling of the Sky; I pass through the pores of the ocean and shores; I change, but I cannot die." Sometime when you are having a really bad hair day, I recommend going online to check out Bill Douglas' choral version on YouTube.

"The cloud" figures prominently in Torah. It begins with God sealing His covenant with a post-flood world with "a bow in the cloud" (Gen. 9:13). We see it more during the Israelites' escape from Egypt. In Exodus (13:21-22), Numbers (14:14) and Deuteronomy (1:33), we are told how a pillar of cloud went ahead of the refugees to guide them on their way. Also, when Moses was at Sinai, a cloud covered the mount for 6 days until God called to Moses "out of the midst of the cloud" (Exod. 24:16). And once the tabernacle was constructed in Exodus 40, "the cloud covered the tent of meeting" (Exod. 40:34).

I do not know if Shelley intended it, but after reading his poem (and listening to the audio) enough times, I have come to view clouds more in a metaphysical sense – a conduit between our temporal earth and The Eternal. Perhaps Shelley

suggested as much in his final lines: "I silently laugh at my own cenotaph, And out of the caverns of rain, Like a child from the womb, like a ghost from the tomb, I arise and unbuild it again."

Didn't the cloud described to us in Torah serve the same purpose? Even those who walked with Moses never saw the face of God. Nonetheless, the Ethereal Presence was there to lead them every morning, and, through it, they always felt connected.

Shelley's cloud is still with us today. One need only gaze heavenward to be rewarded with a beautiful tapestry of constantly changing forms. We stare in wonder as each cloud shape shifts, shedding wisps of amorphous matter, and we wish we could jettison our own unwanted shortcomings with such facility.

In one sense, the Jewish "Pillar of Cloud" is no more. After it was referenced in passages such as Psalms 99:7 and Nehemiah 9:19, that special cloud gradually became more an historic phenomenon. But I believe we have had a very suitable replacement for well over two millennia, which, though cerebral rather than visual, is just as effective a beacon in guiding our own march through life. We know it as Torah.

Fundraising Events Update

Frederick Keys baseball games

By Valarie Lazerowich

We are so excited to partner with the Frederick Keys for a fundraising activity. We will not work at the craft beer booth, but one of the regular booths, generally at the “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 to work a 4-hour shift, Kol Ami will be reimbursed \$42/person/shift. This is a fantastic opportunity for Congregation Kol Ami to raise more than \$5,000.

Those who have worked over the past weeks have had fun, participating in this wonderful opportunity while raising funds for Kol Ami. However, we continue to need all members of the congregation to volunteer for this fundraiser. Each volunteer will

be assigned a 4-hour shift. In addition, volunteers are required to be at the park a half hour before the gates open, which is an hour before the start of the game (see arrival times with each date). If the game runs over the 4-hour shift and you can stay, we get paid additional money for the extra time we work.

This is a great opportunity for Kol Ami members to participate in fundraising while having lots of fun. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Please email me with the dates you can work at valarie_lazerowich@yahoo.com. Each volunteer will be notified of their confirmed schedules with additional details. The remaining dates for volunteering are below:

Volunteer Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Check dates you can work	Date	Arrival Time	Gate Open Time	Comments
	Friday, July 26	5:30 PM	6 PM	
	Saturday, July 27	4:30 PM	5 PM	
	Sunday, July 28	11:30 AM	12 Noon	
	Saturday, August 10	4:30 PM	5 PM	
	Sunday, Sept 1	4:30 PM	5 PM	



On Saturday, May 4, Kol Ami held its 4th “Annual” Trivia Night fundraiser at the Village of Urbana Clubhouse. 48 trivia “experts” were on hand to test their knowledge on categories including U.S. States, Elvis, the Masters Golf Tournament, Literary Characters, and much more.

The winning team “Mis Spent Youth” included Ralene and Frank Damanti, Frannie and Dick Kessler, Howard and Harriet Buxbaum, and Herb and Laurie Messite. Each member of the team won a Starbucks gift card. In addition, a 50/50 raffle was also held and the winner was Joanna Seiger.

There will be two Trivia Nights coming up in the next year—Saturday, Oct. 5 and Saturday, April 25, both at 7 p.m., so come on out, have fun and learn a thing or two!!

Not-A-Party Fundraiser Winners

Anne Cohen, Fundraising committee

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Not-A-Party fundraiser. We had 24 families who contributed to this fundraiser, and we raised \$1,990 for Kol Ami. Eleven families, who made contributions of \$75 or more, had their names entered in a drawing to win an afternoon at a winery, including tasting and a barrel tasting with Rabbi Stratford and Nicky. The lucky winners of the raffle were Charlotte Mayberry and Tom Evans, Carol and Kerry Reynolds, and Anne and Michael Cohen.

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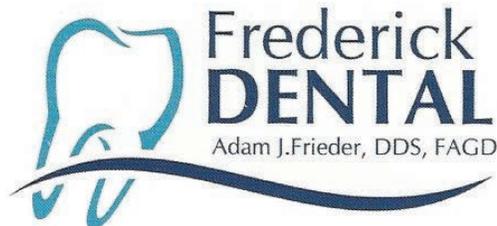
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As a volunteer-run organization, Kol Ami relies heavily on its members to do everything from setting up onegs on Shabbat to coordinating social programming. While everything we ask of members is important, honoring financial commitments to the congregation 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

make assumptions regarding who requires assistance. No one will receive financial assistance without having submitted an application. Applications, found on our website, must be submitted annually by August 15th.

Some of our members find it easy to budget regular monthly dues/tuition payments. All you need to do is notify your bank online, and they will mail a check to Kol Ami. No charge to you, no postage, no fuss.

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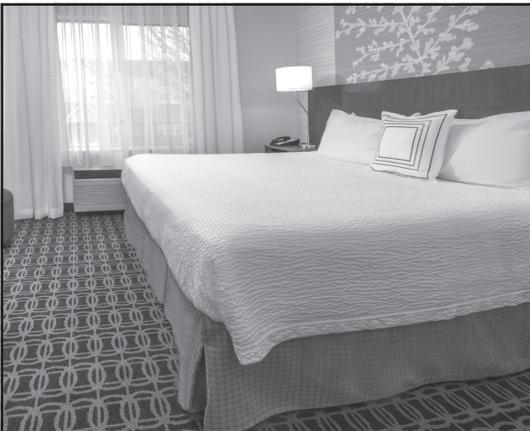
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July/August 2019 Upcoming Events

July			August		
Mon, July 1	12:30 pm	Torah Study	Fri, August 2	6:30 pm	Tot Shabbat Service
Tues, July 2	12:30 pm	Fundraising Meeting		7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
	6:30 pm	Brotherhood Dinner	Mon, August 5	12:30 pm	Torah Study
Wed, July 3	10:00 am	Women's Coffee	Tues, August 6	12:30 pm	Fundraising Meeting
Thurs, July 4		Independence Day		6:30 pm	Brotherhood Dinner
Fri, July 5	6:30 pm	Tot Shabbat Service	Wed, August 7	10:00 am	Women's Coffee
	7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service	Mon, August 12	12:30 pm	Torah Study
Mon, July 8	12:30 pm	Torah Study	Fri, August 16	7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Wed, July 10	12:30 pm	CKAF Book Club	Mon, August 19	12:30 pm	Torah Study
Thurs, July 11	7:00 pm	Communications and PR Meeting	Mon, August 26	12:30 pm	Torah Study
				7:00 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
Mon, July 15	12:30 pm	Torah Study			
Fri, July 19	7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service			
Sat, July 20	5:00 pm	Movies & Midrash: Stranger than Fiction			
Mon, July 22	12:30 pm	Torah Study			
	7:00 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting			
Mon, July 29	12:30 pm	Torah Study			