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Double Vision

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A sports writer named Rick Reilly wrote a story that begins this way: "Do you know who has been calling the first play of the Baltimore Ravens games lately? And do you know who called the play that went for 83 yards against the New England Patriots a while ago?" If you said Head Coach John Harbaugh, you would be wrong. If you said Offensive Coach Cam Cameron, you would be wrong again.

The man who has been calling the first play of the game for Baltimore's professional football team is not a man at all. He is a 14-year-old boy. His name is Matthew Costello. Three things make Matt special. One is that he has an inoperable brain tumor. The second is that he has double vision. And the third is that he has been invited by Coach Cameron to choose the opening play for the Ravens for the past few games, and so far, he has been on a winning streak.

Coach Cameron's son Danny is Matthew's classmate. He told his father about him, and about Matthew's devotion to the Ravens. The coach responded by going to Matthew's house and presenting the young fan with an autographed football and a helmet. Just as he was about to leave, the coach asked Matthew if he would like to call the first play of Sunday's game.

Since Matthew had played quarterback for his school team, he didn't have to think very long before he came up with his answer. "Start with a pass," Matthew said, "it would be cool if you could get it to Todd Heap." "A deal" said the coach.

Sure enough, for the first snap against the Chicago Bears that Sunday, Flacco took it and dropped back to pass. He found Todd Heap downfield. However, the ball went over Heap's head. It was an incomplete pass. But later on in the game, Cameron looked down at his play sheet. He called "Matthew Costello's Play" again. This time it went for a 14-yard touchdown.

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The next week Cameron called Matt. "What do you wanna do this Sunday?" "Run the ball," said Matt. "Give it to Ray Rice. He's hot."

And so, on the first play, the Ravens quarterback handed the ball to Rice. Rice ran through the Chicago defense for an 83-yard touchdown. Cameron said, "I just looked up to the sky and said maybe there's something to this kid."

Oh, there's something to this kid; that's for sure. Since the chemo took his hair and a whole mess of his white blood cells, he only leaves the house to go to the hospital. It's a crazy thing to see a kid fighting for his life while continuously laughing and looking to the future. He says, "when I get better I wanna do for some other kid with cancer what Coach Cam has done for me. I wanna make some kid with cancer feel important, the way the coach has made me feel."

Rick Reilly finishes his report with the words: "Funny, isn't it, how a kid with double vision can see so clearly what other people evidently can't."

I share this story with you because this week we read from the Torah portion called Vayera. The key word in the Sedra is the word “ro-eh”, which means, “to see.” This word is found at least 7 times in the Sedra.

The Sedra opens with the following statement: “G-d appeared to him (Abraham) by the Oaks of Mamse, as he was sitting by the entrance of the tent at about the hottest time of the day. Looking up he saw three men standing opposite him. Seeing them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them.” The lesson the Torah seems to be teaching us is that Abraham had double vision. He could look at three strangers going by, three strangers that most people would have merely glanced at or ignored, and see in them the presence of G-d. He could look at three people who needed him and could see in them a task more important even than communicating with G-d.

In Reilly’s story, Coach Cameron had double vision. He could see a sick child lying in the bed before him, and he could see, at the same time, a youngster whose hopes could be raised if he were treated in a loving way. Matthew Costello had double vision, not only physically, but he could see himself as the recipient of a great gift, and he could see himself at the same time as one who would someday pass the gift onto someone else.

In the Torah portion of Vayera, Abraham is able to hold both visions in his sight; the sight of G-d and the sight of three strangers in one image.

In times of darkness, may we be able to see the light at the end of the tunnel. In times of cynicism, may we be able to see G-d’s plan for us and our place in it. When we look at the faces of other human beings, may we be able to see the image of G-d within every one of us.

If we can see the world around us as it is and also as it can be, then we can truly be a child of Abraham. May we have the kind of vision that enables us to see not only what is happening to us, but what we can do for others.



From Carrie

By Carrie Shames Walinsky
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We had a great start to both schools. The preschool began with very little tears, and a Sukkah party with almost 100 people (it’s a good thing we have the largest Sukkah in Bucks County)! The religious school began with an amazing turnout for Meet & Greet, where parents and children met their teachers, and everyone had the opportunity to create decorations for our Sukkah.

In the course of a single day, yet alone a week, there are so many facets to running a school. I have tremendous appreciation, respect, and honor for our teachers. For most of our staff, for every hour they work in our building they have prepared twice that amount of time at home. This is why both our schools run so smoothly.

Our staff’s dedication and love for what they do is reflected in all they do for our children. This year, instead of biographies, the teachers wrote about their personal values as educators in the field of Jewish education. Their “credos” are poetic and insightful. Please take the time to read over them so you will acquire a deeper understanding of our staff and their dedication to their professions and quality education that they provide.

Our Kol Emet Preschool Staff Credos...

Claudia Block - Fun, laughter and smiles is what I believe you should see the minute you walk into a preschool. I was inspired to work at Kol Emet because my son Jake had such an amazing, fun-loving experience – learning about Jewish holidays through song, dance, and lots of play! It is my wish to instill Jewish values in each child while I am embracing their individuality, creativity, and inner spirit.

Heidi Bush - The preschool years lay the foundation for a lifetime of learning. As a teacher of young ones, it is my goal that the children enter this path with a love of school! I do this by making sure every child feels good about themselves, has a sense of belonging in the classroom, and feels safe and secure. It’s also important that the children learn empathy for one another and recognize the importance of *Tikkun Olam* (repairing our world). It’s my goal that all of this happens in a collaborative, “play based” environment where children, parents, and teachers work closely together. I look forward to a great year!

Maria Goldinger - When I think of teaching, I keep in mind that children learn by example. I believe showing love and affection, and instilling good values, is very important in an early childhood setting. One of the Jewish values close to my heart is Tikkun Olam, which means "repairing the world". This concept asks us to take care of the world that G-d began. My mission in teaching is to incorporate the understanding of our responsibility for our environment, and showing kindness to all G-d's creatures, in all areas of play and learning. That, along with healthy social interactions and encouraging exploration, I believe teaching good values is key to a child's success in life.

Denise Kaplan - As a teacher entering my twenty-third year, it has always been my goal to give the children an opportunity to learn and thrive. Picture a large mixing bowl being filled with the ingredients of Love, Kindness, Caring, Compassion, Patience, and Tolerance. Adding to the ingredients is the warmth of Shabbat and all of our Jewish Traditions that when mixed together will help to create and pave the way to good and strong Jewish values and a love of learning and humanity.

Susan Kaplan - I believe that in Early Jewish Education, children must be fully involved in the learning process. They need a "hands on" approach. Children learn best by doing! Activities and learning centers should be provided for children to explore and develop necessary skills. Learning needs to include the use of all 5 senses. Children should be given the opportunity to develop their social skills, emotional skills, physical skills, and their intellectual skills. And most important, learning should be fun!

Sue Mager - I believe in setting a strong foundation for Jewish learning, socialization and a sense of community in children. I hope to engage your children and deepen their "Jewish journey" through art/creativity, passion, and knowledge that I feel/have towards Judaism. I hope to instill strong Jewish values that may stay with them a lifetime. It's important to give children an understanding of Jewish ideas and values that will help guide them through life. By inspiring children to be passionate and creative and to form a strong Jewish identity will help build strong Jewish values. This may be done by using Jewish symbols, stories, as well as hands-on activities. I look forward to our journey together this year in Doobeem!

Dana Robinson - My goal as an assistant teacher at Kol Emet Preschool is to provide a warm and loving atmosphere where children are free to be themselves, thrive, and learn. I believe in getting to know each individual child and what their needs are. We all learn in our own special way. By providing a multisensory atmosphere children are free to explore in a way that makes them feel most comfortable. In addition to teaching the ABC's and 123's, we instill Jewish values

such as giving to others who are not as fortunate as we are by doing "mitzvahs", saving money and donating it to a charity through our Tzedakah, caring for the ill, and some of the Jewish traditions such as Shabbat. Whether the child is Jewish or not these are values that all human beings should be blessed to learn. I hope that our children will continue to share with the world long after they have left Kol Emet. On a more personal level, one of my passions in life is to pass on my love of nature. We are so blessed here at Kol Emet with the bounty of nature that surrounds us and children learn so many things by being exposed to it. The children will enjoy nature walks, looking and listening to the world around them and marveling at the changes in nature through the seasons. I feel very blessed to be a part of their lives and I thank you for sharing your beautiful children with me.

Elyce Rosen - As a mother raising my own family, I raised my children celebrating traditional holidays, observing Shabbat, and teaching them to value their Jewish heritage and traditions. Going to Israel this past summer, I was able to embrace my culture and felt proud of my upbringing. I appreciate the diverse group of families at Kol Emet. They choose our preschool because of the warm, nurturing, and loving people that teach here. I feel gratified in knowing that the Jewish values we teach, relate to all backgrounds and religions of the families at our preschool.

Robyn Trause - My love for and appreciation of children has been embedded in my soul for as long as I can remember. I consider it a privilege that I am able to combine my love of Judaism with educating young children as a career. It is so fulfilling that I can help shape young lives and be such a part of their nurturance in a truly special house of education and worship.

Lauren Young - I believe that kids need to explore, discover, and learn through a "hands-on" child-centered program. My classroom is set up to give children an opportunity to explore, discover, and learn through play. We challenge and stimulate each child in the class through learning centers, hands-on-activities, and fun learning experiences. My classroom is a "little community" of Kol Emet. The children have daily jobs to do, they are encouraged to help each other, accept differences, celebrate each other's strengths, and enjoy each other's uniqueness. This "little community" (a Kehillah Kedosha) is what I value most about working at a Jewish preschool. A Kehillah Kedosha is our holy classroom community that respects each other and learns from each other. Besides developing a love of learning (Ahavat Limud) and developing strong pre-kindergarten skills, the children in this preschool develop long lasting friendships, learn how to be a friend, and how to work as a supportive community. They learn this in the classroom and through watching their families help each other and help out in classroom activities. This

classroom community learns how to love being Jewish and learns to feel comfortable in the "little" community as well as comfortable in the bigger community - the Temple.

Kol Emet Religious School Staff Credos

Shari Beck-Nahman - According to Pirkei Avot, the world stands on 3 things – Torah, Prayer, and Acts of Loving Kindness. I am honored to be a Jewish educator. I believe it is so important to teach our children all the values and life lessons that the Torah has to offer. Through learning and knowledge, we are enabling our children to grow and form their own beliefs. As a Jewish educator, it is my job to help my students to understand Torah and Prayer. Prayer is more than just words to be mumbled meaninglessly. I want to help my students connect with their Judaism and pray in a way that is most meaningful to them. Most importantly, I believe it is my job as a Jewish educator to work with our families to guide our children to live “Jewishly”. As we perform mitzvot (good deeds) and acts of loving kindness, we are molding our future. We are teaching our children to become good, kind people. As each new school year begins, I gain a new excitement of what I know is yet to come - A new year of guiding children through Torah, Prayer and Acts of Loving Kindness. It is with great pride that I take on this challenge as a Jewish educator.

Elyse Bernstein – My Jewish credo is that learning should be fun and engaging. Children should be excited to come to religious school each week. Jewish learning should be hands on and involve games, stories, and projects that are meaningful. I promise to be loving, compassionate, and to look out for your child’s best needs. I expect your child to come prepared and to be the best that he or she can be, and live to the best of their potential.

Barbara Faber - As a Jewish educator I believe that one must be flexible, caring, loving, nurturing and have knowledge of the subject matter. It is crucial that an educator create the lessons and make them as realistic as possible for the students to follow. It is important to try to bring the lessons to "life" by using as many senses as possible. For example, when teaching about creation of the world, I have the children close their eyes, and imagine what the world looked like before creation. We shut the lights and put on quiet music as the children have a chance to think and then express their imagination. Later, using material that I bring to class, I have the students create their scene and their own thoughts about what the world looked like before creation. I believe in bringing in as many experiences as possible and making lessons as relevant as I can when teaching the youngsters. For example, when teaching Tu B'Shevat we make a huge fruit salad. The children

experience the preparation, taste, beauty, and smell of the holiday. When teaching the Hebrew letters, I have students "make" or "create" these letters on the rug using their bodies. We also "write" these letters in the air using our fingers and hands. Sometimes, I will bring in stick pretzels and have the children create the Hebrew letters we learned using these pretzels. I believe that children should learn as much as possible in a fun and enjoyable way. I use lots of games and fun activities such as puzzles, find the words, complete the sentence, etc. We learn lots of songs, dances, art activities, and role-playing to reinforce materials we are learning.

Fran Fried – I became a Jewish educator 19 years ago because I believe strongly in Jewish continuity and being an integral participant in this meaningful process. My goal is to teach a respect for Jewish heritage and practice, as well as motivating the students to want to learn Jewishly on their own. Jewish learning is lifelong and I share my stories on my learning as an adult with the students and encourage them to explore, enjoy their identity, and perhaps become teachers to others in their school classes and community. I also share my passion for Eretz Yisrael (Israel) at every opportunity and try to foster a connection between my students and our Jewish homeland. I am excited about our school year!

Bonnie Gold – The Jewish people have a long and glorious history and I believe there is a link between our commitment to education and the perfection of Judaism. Jewish education can enrich our lifestyles and deepen our Jewish identity. Despite the responsibility that this entails, I do believe that Jewish education today should be creative, engaging, and relevant, and I do my best to bring these ideals to my classroom.

Amy Hampel – It is very important to me to teach Judaism to students for several reasons. First is to instill a sense of Jewish identity. Included in their Jewish identity is allowing the children to make a connection with traditions through engaging them to actively participate in meaningful lessons. Another way of instilling a Jewish identity is to create an environment where Hebrew reading is taught in a way where learning is incidental. By that, I mean that the students learn through games, puzzles, and overall fun. Each individual will make different connections to their Jewish faith. As an educator, I see my job as making sure that a connection is made.

Sari Hussey - I believe in creating a warm, nurturing, creative classroom environment within which students feel respected and valued. I believe it is important to teach students using different approaches so each child can learn and be successful. It is important for each student to enjoy learning and be the best they can be!

Jenn Lissansky – My Jewish education credo is to educate children about being good to each other. I believe that it is important for them to do mitzvahs for the people they love. I believe that as Jews all Jewish children should turn out to be menches. I also believe that it is important to teach our Jewish children to have a great relationship with G-d. I believe that as a Jewish educator, it is my job to give them the tools and knowledge to love G-d but it is up to them how they choose to do it. I think that it is important for our Jewish children to keep our Jewish traditions alive. As a Jewish educator, I believe it is my job to show them these Jewish traditions.

Sue Mager - I believe in setting a strong foundation for Jewish learning, socialization and a sense of community in children. I hope to engage your children and deepen their “Jewish journey” through creativity, passion, and knowledge that I feel/have towards Judaism. I hope to instill strong Jewish values that may stay with them a lifetime. It is important to give children an understanding of Jewish ideas and values that will help guide them through life. This being said, I feel that by encouraging Jewish experiences and commitments can only nourish their love of Judaism. By inspiring children to be passionate and creative and to form a strong Jewish identity will help build strong Jewish values. This may be done by using Jewish symbols, stories, as well as hands-on activities to communicate Jewish values in creating a sense of community. I look forward to a wonderful year together in Kadima!

Susan Sacks – I believe the teachings, practices, traditions, and history of the Jewish people laid the foundation for a meaningful life. As I share my love of music with those around me, I seek to convey an appreciation of the enormity of the Jewish experience and the options it offers us. Music enhances the learning process and affords me the ability to attach special memory and meaning to the time I spend with students.

Carrie Walinsky – I think my beliefs are very simple and tangible. I believe that Judaism is a very compassionate and accepting religion with very clear attributes and values that are life lessons. I believe that Judaism has so many facets and rules so that people have the ability to choose and connect with their religion in their own unique way. I feel that it is a precious honor to be able to continue this religion, heritage, and culture. I believe that as a Jewish educator, I should entice, encourage, support, and celebrate every family’s journey and every child’s learning. I believe and respect every question that I am asked, and see value and importance in the questioning process. I believe that everyone can have a unique connection to Judaism, and everyone’s connection should be appreciated and respected. I believe in people, faith, and the connections between the two.

Along with our personal credos, we also have a list of Kol Emet’s 10 Commandments. These 10 rules are important values that we uphold in every classroom. As a Jewish school, we are a *Kehillah Kedosha*, a holy community. This means that every action we do, every moment we interact with you and your children, must be done with *Derech Eretz and Rachmanot*. Loosely translated this means proper manners, respect, and empathy. We will continue to provide the best possible care and educational standards along with your support, honesty, and respect.

The 10 Commandments of Kol Emet

1. Accept each child. Respect each child. Celebrate each child...exactly as he/she is.
2. Acknowledge children of all families as fully respected and accepted members of the community.
3. Encourage intellectual honesty.
4. Tell LOTS of stories.
5. Bring Jewish tradition into the children’s lives.
6. Balance content and the sharing of thoughts and feelings.
7. Keep the study and acts of loving kindness alive.
8. Build a safe and secure community.
9. Include families in learning. Give realistic help and teaching.
10. Take the time to get to know and love each child.

Right Around the Corner - Lisa Shiller

During the Yizkor Service on Yom Kippur Rabbi Cove read the poem "The Dash" by Linda Ellis. He asked the congregation to spend a moment thinking about our departed loved ones and how they lived their life or their "dash."

My thoughts immediately turned to my mother. Her "dash" was between 1928 and 2008 and one word came to mind – survivor. My mom was born in Vienna, Austria. In 1938 her family fled to Belgium to escape Hitler and immigrate to the United States, which unfortunately did not work out. They stayed in Brussels, but after Hitler invaded daily living got worse and my mom and her brother went into hiding, saved by Righteous Gentiles. My mom lived in survival mode until she was 17. She lost over 40 relatives in the Holocaust, including her parents. In 1947 my mom and her brother came to the United States. She created a new life, became a practical nurse, got married, and started a family.

My mom's main focus was her family and being Jewish. She had never lost her faith in God despite the tragedies of her childhood. At age 75 my mom went into survival mode again when she was diagnosed with cancer. Her faith and incredible will to live helped her survive for another five years. When we found out in October of 2007 that her cancer had spread and it was likely that treatments would no longer help, my sister asked my mom if she had anything she needed to do or say because now would be the time to do those things. My mom looked at her funny and replied, "No, I have said and done everything. There's nothing more I need to do."

What an amazing way to have lived your "dash" we all thought. My mom did not travel the world– she disliked to go anywhere unless it was to visit family. She loved the 2-bedroom house she and my dad rented outside of Pittsburgh on Princeton Drive so much that when they needed three bedrooms, they bought the house down the street. When all her friends moved into bigger, nicer houses, we stayed on Princeton Drive. My mom didn't need lavish vacations, cars, designer clothing, or jewelry. She lived her dash very simply and genuinely.

So, how did she do it? She found fulfillment right around the corner. My mom was a lifelong member of Hadassah and an active member of our Temple. She found joy and peace in attending services, singing in the choir, and joining the Chavurah. She took care of her husband and three daughters and five grandchildren despite the miles that eventually separated us. That was her dash and with no regrets.

I encourage all of you to look around the corner for what can fulfill you and add meaning to your life. It is my hope

that our synagogue, with its spiritual, social, and educational opportunities, is the place you will opt for. I encourage all of you to come out and try something. Anything! For me, my experience continues on the snowball. Each service, each event builds upon the other and I feel more and more fulfilled. At times, we often forget that the simple things are often the most memorable. Find these simple things through volunteering, worshipping, and learning at Kol Emet. You won't regret it.

Announcements

Community Relations & Communications (CR & C) Committee

Happy and healthy greetings are extended from the Kol Emet new and exciting Community Relations and Communications Committee. Rabbi Cove emphasized the importance of communication and connections within our families and between friends and relatives at the Rosh Hashanah service. Kol Emet is anxious to extend positive communication and connections to all its members and surrounding community with the help of the CR & C committee. Come out and begin to communicate and connect with the beginning Kol Emet events of the New Year. There will be many options to choose from throughout the year and CR & C is inviting you to participate and send your ideas and comments on best ways to spread the word to Andrea Seidman at talzee@comcast.net or phone contact at 215-275-0039. A quick and easy email with your suggestions or your interest in joining the new and great CR & C committee is just a click away. Send your ideas and interest in joining the CR & C committee NOW☺ to Andrea

Religious School Committee

Now that your children are back to school, please consider joining the Religious School committee. We meet once a month with Carrie, usually the 3rd or 4th Friday of the month, at 11:30. We discuss religious school events, activities, curriculum, etc. We'd love to expand our committee this year. If you are interested in getting more involved in the religious school at Kol Emet, this is a nice opportunity. Our next meeting is October 29th at 11:30 in the library. If you can join us, please contact Jill Gordon at yardley4@comcast.net or 215-295-8838.

Religious School PTO

Welcome Back from the Religious School PTO! It was great to see so many parents and new families at Back to School/Meet and Greet! Thanks to those of you who filled out the volunteer sheet, we'll be calling you as different events approach. Pizza in the Hut was a huge success with over 25 families enjoying pizza, salad and

an evening with Rabbi Cove. There was plenty of dancing on Simchat Torah with the Odessa Klezmer Band.

Look for the Chanukah Holiday Shop on November 16th, 17th and 18th. Chanukah is early this year, and the holiday shop is a terrific way for the kids to purchase inexpensive gifts for family, friends, and pets!

If you have an idea for a fundraiser, or haven't had a chance to volunteer in the past and want to step up...give us a call or drop us an e-mail. Another set of hands is always appreciated!

Randi Davis and Meryl Shoneman
Co-Presidents Religious School PTO

Party Showcase

Sunday, November 14, 2010 from 10 am to 1 pm

The showcase will emphasize products and services for celebrations such as b'nai mitzvahs, anniversaries, showers, weddings, and special birthdays. A One-Stop-Shop with multiple vendors to discuss your party needs.

*DJs * videographers * caterers * photographers
* photo favors * invitations * florists * decorations * party favors
* and more!*

The Showcase Committee is hard at work planning this major event to produce the best results for our vendors. Print ads as well as promotional materials will be distributed. Vendors may rent tables or equivalent space at the showcase and/or purchase advertisements in our ad book distributed to all attendees. Caterers may provide a sampling of their cuisine but all food must be kosher or kosher-style. Other vendors are encouraged to offer raffle prizes or other giveaways to further promote their business.

Pre-registration required for all vendors. FOR VENDOR REGISTRATION OR QUESTIONS, contact Lisa O'Rourke, Event Chairperson at lisa.orourke@comcast.net.

Kol Emet Youth Group Come Join the Fun!

Sports, homework, music lessons....it's Fall and everyone is busy! Although life may be hectic, don't miss out on opportunities for your child to "take a break" with their Kol Emet friends.

The Kol Emet Youth Group gives your child a chance to connect with friends outside of Religious School as well as meet other kids they may not know from the synagogue. Currently we offer programming for 4th and 5th graders (Jr. YG) and 6th through 8th graders (Sr. YG). Plans are also underway this year for a few 3rd grades activities too!

Our next event is Thursday, November 4th when both groups will gather at Kol Emet for a "Baking and Crafts Night" in preparation for the new member dinner the following evening. This will be a fun social and mitzvah opportunity for all. Also, mark your calendars for December 12th at 6:00pm when both groups will be going to Bounce U. Don't miss out...this event was almost sold out last year!

Another great activity that shouldn't be missed is our monthly visits to Manor Care Nursing Home in Yardley. Not only are we doing a mitzvah when we go, but both the children and residents love our time there! Our next visits will be on Monday, November 8th and Monday, December 13th.

Remember to refer to the Kol Emet *Weekly Whisper* and e-mail blasts for more information on these and other upcoming events. We hope to see your child soon....come see what we're all about!

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Caring Committee

The Caring Committee at Kol Emet is here to serve all our congregants whenever needed. We provide meals, transportation to hospital or doctor's office, visitation, Shiva Minyans or if you just need someone to talk with we would love to listen. If you or someone you know needs assistance or is going through difficult times please notify the Caring Committee. Feel free to contact us in confidence (we will respect your privacy wishes) at caring@kolemet.org or phone Bob Frey at 215-493-8522 ext. 113. Thank you.

Michael Seltzer - Mgs48@aol.com - 215-962-1355

Sisterhood

Sisterhood is sponsoring a Tastefully Simple event at Sue Kaplan's house, 63 Shady Brook Drive, Yardley on November 1st, 7:00pm. See demonstrations from main dishes to desserts. They offer a wide variety of easy-to-prepare foods and gifts for every day and every occasion. Best of all, their products can be enjoyed right out of the package or prepared within minutes! Some are kosher! All "points" earned will be used to purchase items for a gift basket to be used for Casino Night, Saturday, April 2nd. Mark your calendars!

The Sisterhood is one of Kol Emet's original and long-running organizations. It is open to all women belonging to the synagogue. We plan social, fund-raising, and educational events. Every year we open with a membership brunch that centers around an activity of interest to women. Some of our activities have included our fabulous and fun Casino Night, dinner/cooking demonstration, game night, Passover recipe exchange

and a dinner raffle (with unbelievable prizes!). Please join us!

Contact: Shelley Miller - 215.990.4911-
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JRF Biennial Convention

The 43rd Biennial Convention of the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation is November 11-14, 2010 in Newport Beach, California. The overall theme of the Convention is "California Dreaming: Visioning Our Jewish Future."

We are eager to ensure that our community is well represented by both members and professional staff. The JRF Convention is an opportunity for us to experience the cutting-edge of Reconstructionist thought and practice and to directly influence the future of the movement.

JRF Conventions are defined by stimulating speakers, moving presentations, engaging workshops, inspiring services, and incredible overall Reconstructionist *Ruach* (spirit). The Convention offers programming for those interested in every aspect of Reconstructionist congregational life and contemporary Jewish life in general.

This year's featured speakers include:

- Jane Eisner, Editor of *The Forward*
- Erwin Chemerinsky, Constitutional scholar and Dean of UC Irvine Law School
- Jeremy Ben-Ami, Executive Director of J-Street
- Rabbi Steve Gutow, Executive Director of the Jewish Public Affairs Council
- A panel of prominent Hollywood producers, writers and directors in a discussion titled "Living Your Values in Hollywood, If You Can Do It Here, You Can (Probably) Do It Anywhere"

Staying Informed at Kol Emet

There are many ways we try to keep you informed:

- The Voice: This Newsletter (http://www.kolemet.org/documents/jun_10_Voice.pdf) and past issues (<http://www.kolemet.org/monthly.asp>).
- <http://www.kolemet.org/>: Our place on the web. Includes the calendar (<http://www.kolemet.org/calendar.asp>).
- The Whisper: Weekly Email of upcoming events at Kol Emet and in the Jewish community. (<http://www.kolemet.org/weekly.asp>)
- Religious school: Materials sent home with your children every week.
- Shouts: Emails sent to alert you to imminent events and meetings.
- Congregational Meetings: Meet at Kol Emet to both listen to and be heard by your Board

Make sure all the adults in your family get The Weekly Whisper e-mail. If your family has more than one e-mail address, please feel free to sign-up your multiple addresses. To get The Whisper, send an e-mail to office@kolemet.org.

The 50+ workshop sessions will be appropriate for members of Reconstructionist communities with all different levels of engagement and knowledge. Prayer services will be led by a wide array of dynamic rabbis and cantors from congregations across North America. There will be a musical celebration by Harmoniyah: The Reconstructionist Music Network, Friday evening, and a Julie Silver concert Saturday night.

The Convention will take place against the lovely backdrop of Newport Beach, California, and most of the programming will be at the Hyatt Regency hotel. In between thought-provoking speakers and educational workshops, you are welcome to enjoy a swim in one of the hotel's three pools, take in a massage at the hotel spa, or stroll along the nearby beach.

To register or get the latest updates about the JRF Convention, please visit www.jrf.org/convention.

Finance Committee

Looking for interested congregants...

The mission of the Finance Committee is to ensure the financial stability of Kol Emet by analyzing, managing, and planning the budgetary, accounting, financial, and investment policies and strategies. In doing so the finance committee will liaison with other Kol Emet committees.

The Finance Committee is looking for volunteers from all cross-sections of our congregation to help execute its mission. Committee members will help with the accounting and budgeting processes, financial analysis, and provide recommendations for prudent investment strategies. No CPA, MBA, CFA, etc. designations are required - just a desire to help the committee carry out its important function.

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Mazel Tov to All of Kol Emet's October Wedding Anniversaries and Birthdays

Anniversaries

Birthdays

<u>Day</u>	<u>Couple</u>
2	Matthew & Jacqueline Mandel
2	Eric & Robin Schwartz
5	Brad & Linda Millman
7	David & Kathy Schwartz
9	Andy & Maggie Myers
9	David & Alizabeth Olhasso
9	Joel Raab & Gayle Share-Raab
13	Matthew & Randi Davis
14	Raymond & Alyson Hally
14	Seth & Michele Rosenwald
15	Jon & Sheila Fash
15	Rob & Nadine Moses
17	Matthew & Cheryl Schram
17	Ron & Andrea Seidman
18	Mitchell & Eileen Cove
22	Michael & Julie Frantz
22	Henry & Cheri Lee
22	Michael & Hilary Levy
22	Todd & Debbie Radner
24	Tony & Heidi Bush
24	Alan & Sue Kaplan
25	Steven & Donna Hoffman
27	Terry & Tracy Cantor
28	Gary & Linda Solarz
29	Larry & Gail Vladimir
31	Dave & Jill Holzberg
31	Bruce & Susan Supowitz

<u>Day</u>	<u>Name</u>
1	Seth Duncan
1	Eric Kitei
2	Joey Rosen
2	Brandon Weiss
3	Bonnie Ackerman
3	Lexi Albuck
3	Jillian Bernstein
3	Brad Fink
3	Robin Schwartz
4	Gary Abrahams
4	Michael Greenberg
4	Adina Rosenberg
4	Donna Teitelman
6	Sean Pazdera
7	Tom Mako
8	Ellen Covell
8	Mark Ross
8	Sophie Weber
9	Josh Fishman
9	Annie Katz
9	Erica Singer
10	Michelle D'Amelia
10	Skyler Sulby
11	Madeline Carfagno
12	Richard Cohen
12	Ilene Nusblatt
12	Brenna Schoenfeld
12	Spencer Schwartz
13	Hannah Freid
14	Jeffrey Blankman
14	Phyllis Eisner
14	Jasmine Hanck
14	Jim Jacobs
14	Philip Zinn
14	Carlye Zuckerman
15	Linda Finkle
15	Andrew Gordon
16	Joel Barrish
16	Shara Connors
16	Blake Fink
16	Gary Lean
16	Cheyenne Moses
17	Charles Friedenber
17	Sara Organic
18	Eric Holzberg
19	Marla Freid
19	Joshua Friedman

<u>Day</u>	<u>Name</u>
19	Scott Goldinger
19	Zachary Holzberg
19	Renee Lee
20	Jessica Barsky
20	Alan Kotzen
21	Fran Fried
21	Jake Holzberg
21	Risha Neil
21	Gillian Share-Raab
22	Rikki Petro
23	Barbara Averill
24	Samuel Ackerman
24	Josh Camson
24	Maya Geller
24	Melissa Paterson
25	Matthew Hampel
26	Ashley Cove
26	Max Yaffe
27	Robert Fishman
27	Jack Hally
27	Ross Pizzi
27	David Schoenfeld
28	Morgan Sotoloff
29	Cady Cohen
30	Ernest Cohen
30	Michael D'Amelia
30	Chloe Mako
31	Ellen Fisher
31	Abby Kopytko
31	Joshua Leon
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