



THE VOICE OF KOL EMET

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Make Every Day Count

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The Hebrew word for seven is “sheva,” the root of the words “shiva” (the seven days of mourning), and “shavua,” (week). The holiday that culminates the period of seven weeks following Passover is “Shavu’ot,” the celebrating the 7x7=49 days that bridges the two holidays. Every evening, as a new day begins, we count the day and the week.

The Rabbis of the Talmud derived the mitzvah of S’fira, counting the 49 days, from a verse in the book of Leviticus (23:15): “You shall count from the second day of the Passover week, from the day that you offered the first sheaf of grain, the Omer, seven complete weeks.”

There is a dual significance to the counting of the Omer. First, ancient Israel was an agriculturally-based society, so the period between Passover and Shavu’ot must have been a very joyful time, for in these weeks came the first harvest of the year. Through the barley harvest, our ancestors expressed prayers of thanksgiving to G-d for being able to produce crops. A second aspect of the mitzvah to count the 49 days, is to create a link between Passover and Shavu’ot; between physical liberation and spiritual freedom.

Immediately upon leaving Egypt, the generation of the Exodus was hardly prepared to set out on a completely new way of life. They could not instantly emancipate themselves from the Egyptian influences: a society encompassed by a spirit of superstition and paganism. In anticipation of their role as a holy people, the Israelites were challenged to transform themselves one step at a time until they were ready to receive the Torah at Sinai. Freedom from slavery was made complete by the ability to receive Torah.

The underlying message in both themes is to count each day. The psalmist teaches (Psalm 90): Teach us to count our days [and to make every day count]... for the

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days of our lives are limited, the time is short, and our days are soon gone by.

The message of the S’fira period is to count what really counts: our time. The poet Thomas Carlyle reminds us of the need to spend our time wisely:

“So here has been dawning another blue day;
Think, will you let it slip useless away?
Out of Eternity this new day is born;
Into Eternity all night will return.
Behold it aforesaid, no one ever did;
Soon it forever from all eyes are hid.
Here has been dawning another blue day;
Think, will you let it slip useless away?”

Putting off something until a more convenient time is one of the most life-defeating habits one can acquire.

The story is told about a wealthy man who neglected his opportunities to liberate himself from his enslaving desire

for wealth. When he was hospitalized with a life-threatening disease, he prayed, "If only I could be spared and be granted health, I would spend the rest of my life doing kind deeds and charitable acts..." In response to his prayer, a Voice declared, "Because you have taken an accounting of your past, and you have determined to do good for others, you shall be granted additional time on earth."

Soon, the man recovered, but over time, he went back to his old habits. He became enslaved to work and devoted to accumulating more wealth. The next few years flew by. Once more, he grew ill and again, he pleaded for more time. "You had your chance," the Voice responded.

While it is a direct religious responsibility to count the period between Passover and Shavu'ot, the mitzvah to count and cherish our days is a year-round effort. We would do well to take to heart the advice of Rabbi Eliezer (Pirkei Avot 2:15): Make sure that you examine your ways one day before you die.

Since we do not know on which day our lives will end, may we remember Rabbi Eliezer's teaching in order that we count each day and make every day count.



From Carrie

By Carrie Shames Walinsky
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Happy Birthday Israel! This is the month that the entire school comes alive with everything Israel. From our youngest to our oldest children, we will celebrate and enjoy the tastes, sounds, and experiences of Israel.

Our staff is amazingly creative as they plan incredible activities for our youngest yet most active synagogue members. Here is a sample of the activities they will experience.

In preschool, children will go on an archeological dig where gold chocolate coins will be unearthed. They will stomp on grapes with their feet, which is a great sensory experience. They will paint Chagall windows, create mosaic masterpieces, and of course, taste Israeli delicacies such as hummus and chocolate spread.

In religious school our students will have army training, dog tags and all, Israeli dancing, Israeli music, jewelry making, map exploration, and of course, Israeli delicacies as well.

So I guess that if you cannot travel to Israel perhaps it is the next best thing...but WAIT, you CAN travel to Israel with Kol Emet this coming December! As of this date, there are only 10 spaces left! So if you have not

registered, you really need to. Israel Experts, who we used for our last trip and received rave reviews, has planned a magnificent trip that includes many highlights as well as off the beaten track places. Despite a recent survey taken by Federation that reveals Israel and supporting Israel are NOT priorities in the Jewish population, this survey does not apply to Kol Emet. In fact, a recent survey we administered to our students through the Jewish Agency proved that the 109 students of Kol Emet strongly agree and 35 students agree that Israel is important (out of a total of 150 students).

So as parents, I thank you for believing and supporting Israel. And I thank you for sharing your beautiful children with us. They bring light to our souls and spirit to our hearts.

Announcements

Congregation Kol Emet gratefully acknowledges the following contributions made to our Yom Hashoah Yellow Candle Project:

Barbara Gronsky & Bruce Biskin, Denise & Lewis Brooks, Phyllis Carson, Lisa & Michael Connors, Phyllis Eisner, Cindy & Michael Epstein, Renee & Ron Fields, Debra Fogel & Barbara Spingler, Jacki & David Folkman, Bob Frey, Fran & Harvey Fried, Sherry & Mitch Friedman, Brandon Gaynor, Gary Gilman & Deborah Zelitch, Marcy & Howard Goldhammer, Jill & David Gordon, Howard Greenberg, Marsha Grubb, Dayna & Mark Henry, Rona Hoffman & Ed Cutler, Bonnie & Jim Jacobs, Robin Jacobs, Barbara & Michael Kaner, Melody & Stan Katz, Judy Kaufman, The Mandel Family, Shelley Miller, Nadine & Rob Moses, The Neil Family, Arnold Nelson, The O'Rourke Family, Carol & Norman Picker, JoAnn & James Sachs, Michael Seltzer, The Shiller Family, Burt Sutker, Lisa & Howard Waldman, Kristin & Cary Weiss, Eileen Wolf, Stan Wortman

President's Message

Spring is a time of sunlight and growth.

With all the busyness in our lives, taking the time to enjoy a day at the park can sometimes seem cumbersome. Even though packing up food, water, blankets, toys, and chairs takes time and energy, the payoff is rewarding. Sitting by a stream, hearing water flow over pebbles, and seeing the sunlight reflect upon the water, while at the same time witnessing a community of people join together on a beautiful day - this was my experience today. Although it takes some time away from our normal routine, it can be quite fulfilling to come together with others in our community. Developing new friendships and learning from others has been and continues to be my experience at Kol Emet.

My hope is that everyone in our community will take time away from the day to day to join in with others at Kol Emet as we experience renewed sunlight and growth. There are many ideas and programs being discussed within our community and we need you to help, in any way you can, for the ideas and programs to become successful.

We are currently planning for next year's programs and calendar and we are looking forward to welcoming back new and existing board members. We have a dedicated team of board and committee members and we welcome additional support of time and energy always.

Happy spring!
Lisa O'Rourke

Religious School PTO

We congratulate all of the Aleph students on their Consecration, May 14th, 2010! What a memorable milestone to share with family, friends, and the Kol Emet Community.

Thanks also to the teachers and aides for all of their hard work in preparing the students for this event.

Yardley Rabbi Offers Opening Prayer in State House HARRISBURG, March 24 – State Rep. Steve Santarsiero, D-Bucks, today welcomed Rabbi Howard Cove to the state Capitol in Harrisburg to give the opening prayer for the House of Representatives session.

Santarsiero said Cove serves as the senior rabbi of Congregation Kol Emet in Yardley. A 1989 graduate of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Cove served for four years as a student rabbi at Adath Tikvah Montifiore in Philadelphia, and seven years as the assistant rabbi at Temple Sinai in Dresher. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from Temple University in 1981.

"Rabbi Cove demonstrates his commitment every day to creating a synagogue community that is friendly and compassionate," Santarsiero said. "He is a wonderful spiritual leader, and a great choice to lead the House in prayer as we begin our daily session."

In addition to his congregational responsibilities, Cove has also participated in C/JEEP, the Catholic-Jewish Education Program sponsored by the Steven Spielberg Foundation to promote better understanding among high school age students in the areas of religion and faith. Howard has also served as the rabbinic chaplain of the Cradle of Liberty Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Social Action

Our next Social Action event is on Friday, April 30th. Tikkun Olam – repairing a broken world – will be the theme of this year's Social Action Shabbat. We are extremely pleased to welcome Rabbi Arthur Waskow, co-founder of The Shalom Center at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, as our guest speaker.

The Shalom Center is dedicated to inspiring the Jewish community to greater attention and action on questions of peace and justice for the planet and all who dwell on it; and as part of this effort, to making common cause with peace and justice advocates of all faiths.

Please join us in what promises to be both an educational and inspirational presentation. For more information, please contact Howard Greenberg at hymizzy@aol.com.

The **Social Action Committee** is happy to be working with Helene Blacker to help with an animal rescue organization.

Helene writes: "As a congregant of Kol Emet I have always been impressed with the welcoming and embracing feeling one receives upon walking through the doors.

It is because of the quality of the heart of the congregants of Kol Emet that I am making this appeal to you. I am working with a rescue group called *Focus on Homeless Animals* that provides, fostering, and adopting for both dogs and cats from *Kill Shelters* throughout the area. Many of us are of the belief that when a dog or cat is taken to the SPCA or a Humane Society that the animal is safe; quite to the contrary. If they are too full, they will arbitrarily KILL an animal that has a cold or something simple, which the animal could have healed from and could have gotten better.

Such was the case with a dog named Sassy. Sassy is a pure Chow dog, one year old, perfect dog with kennel cough. Kennel cough, for those of you that don't know, is a dog cold. It is not serious, but it is contagious to other dogs. We were told that Sassy had two days to live because they were running out of room and, after all, she was sick. The President of *Focus on Homeless Animals*, Gloria Aceti, and I pulled Sassy out of the shelter and put her into a person's home, who I will say is an "angel;" because she literally saved Sassy's life. She did God's work!! These stories go on continuously. The situations at the kill shelters are horrendous.

We, at *Focus on Homeless Animals*, are making a *plea* for anyone who can *find it in their hearts* to be foster families to these animals, so that we can get them out of

the shelters. The more foster families we have the more animals we can take out of these *Kill Shelters*. This is only a temporary situation; unless you fall in love with the dog and you decide you want to adopt. We do charge an adoption fee of \$250, which covers spaying/neutering, and all inoculations.

All of our animals are evaluated for aggressions and behavior, by our President, who has been doing this for fifteen years. Although *Focus on Homeless Animals* is only two years old, we are very passionate about what we do and take it very seriously.

Our rescue is completely non-profit; run by volunteers. Perhaps, one of you reading this might be interested in doing volunteer work. We can always use the help. We are not in this to make money; we are in this to save *lives*.

Personally, I can't begin to tell you what doing this has done for me. In the past two weeks, we have saved six animals. *Six Animals* are living because of my help and the help of other volunteers. You can't imagine the warmth your heart will feel knowing you have helped save a life; it is the *ultimate experience!!* Won't you please consider doing this mitzvah!

You know, animal rescue goes back to the Bible, to Noah's Ark, so there has been a connection all this time; it is a tradition, you might say.

Friends, there are animals waiting for you—waiting for you to save them!!

Maya Angelou has said and I quote: "People may forget what you said. People may forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel."

You will never forget how saving the life of an animal will make you feel.

On behalf of Focus on Homeless Animals and all the precious animals that need homes, thank you for your reading this and for your consideration.
Please think about doing this Mitzvah!!

P.S. Please look for our fundraiser in the Fall called "Pet Power"; all proceeds go to *Focus on Homeless Animals*.

If you would like to be a part of the Social Action Committee and/or to help out with our events please contact Wendy Jacobson-Simon at wellwatched@verizon.net.

Mortgage Debt Reduction Program

L'Dor V'Dor - From generation to generation. It is our obligation and a basic Jewish tenet to take the vision of our founders who created this building and go forward to ensure our children have a Jewish center of activity including, education, prayer, and social activities.

As a follow up to the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 31st, 2010, I am pleased to announce that we have listened to your ideas and positive feedback from my presentation and will initiate a Mortgage Debt Reduction Program.

The purpose of this program is to help reduce our only long term debt, our mortgage, which is currently \$940,000 at a 5.25% interest rate and carries a monthly expense of \$10,700. We have approximately 9 years left on this mortgage. Our goal is to reduce this debt as quickly as possible. If we pay an additional \$1,000 per month, we cut 10 months off the mortgage and save \$22,000 in interest expense. An additional \$2,000 per month, we cut 19 months of payments and \$40,000 of interest expense.

We need to act strategically for our future and create fiscal soundness so that we can meet future obligations as they become necessary for the maintenance, growth, and well-being of our synagogue.

The Mortgage Debt Reduction Program is *voluntary*. Please consult your tax advisor for potential tax benefits. The program works like this:

- All congregants will be solicited for a monthly donation of any amount. (Suggested: \$18, \$36, \$54, \$72, \$118)
- All monies collected will be set up in a Mortgage restricted account, and will be applied as an extra principal payment (in addition to our scheduled monthly mortgage payment). The intent of the program is that all monies collected will be used to pay down the principal balance of the mortgage. However, the Board reserves the right to use the monies collected towards the monthly mortgage payment should circumstances dictate. All participants will receive notice in such event.
- A full and comprehensive review of the Mortgage Debt Program will take place annually.
- These monthly donations are open-ended and can be terminated at your request at any time.
- All payments can be an automatic credit card payment, an ACH Debit Bank Card transaction, monthly checks, semi-annual payment, or yearly payment. We will work with you based on how you want to pay for this donation.

In the appendix of this Voice publication, you will find an agreement form for your consideration. Please participate based on your ability and your love for Kol

Emet and know that your donation is much appreciated by our community.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward in working with all of you to help make this a very successful program.

Sincerely,
Owen Leshner, 610-299-7636, oleshner@gmail.com

Youth Group

The Kol Emet Youth Group has been very busy the last several weeks! The 4th and 5th graders enjoyed a trip to Ultrazone while the 6th, 7th and 8th graders did a wonderful mitzvah by making pillows for area hospitals as part of our "Movie and a Mitzvah" program. We also brightened the day for our friends at Manor Care who always enjoy our visits.

Please mark your calendars for our next Youth Group outing at the Trenton Thunder game on Saturday, May 15th. More information will follow in the Weekly Whisper.

It has been very exciting seeing many new kids come out for our activities this past year. Our goal is to have even more of your kids come to an activity or two next year! It's a great way for kids to meet others that may go to religious school on a different day, or just have extra time to socialize outside of the classroom. We always welcome our Kol Emet children to bring a friend along as well!

As the school year draws to a close, the Youth Group committee is already thinking about next year's activities. We're always looking for new ideas, and we welcome any suggestions you may have for programming. Also, we're looking for people who would like to help us on our committee next year. There are several different ways to get involved (big, small, whatever your preference) and it's fun and rewarding! Please contact Heidi Bush at 215-493-4080, heitobush@verizon.net if you're interested in helping.

Enjoy the beautiful Spring weather,
The Youth Programming Committee

MAY B'NAI MITZVAH

Molly Gorelick

Son of Sandra and Richard

Molly volunteered for the Penndel Food Pantry, Trenton Soup Kitchen, Aid for Friends, and Sacred Heart Church in Trenton

May 1, 2010 AM

Parshat Emor



Carly Weiss

Daughter of Jill and Richard

Carly volunteered for "Cradles to Crayons", an organization that helps get basic needs to children.

May 1, 2010 PM

Parshat Bechukotai



Josh Baumgarten

Son of Joann and Neil

Josh volunteered and will continue to assist with the Special Olympics basketball, bowling, and softball tournaments. He encourages athletes, keeps score, and aids the athletes while they participate in the activities.

May 8, 2010 AM

Parshat Bechukotai



Jake Hymson

Son of Robin and Frank

Jake collected and donated books for sick children at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

May 15, 2010 AM

Parshat B'midbar



Jessica Radner

Daughter of Debbie and Todd

Jessica volunteered for the Bucks County Autism Society. She made over 500 ribbons and assisted at sensory friendly movie screenings at the Neshaminy movie theater.

May 22, 2010 AM

Parshat Naso



Emma Fitzsimmons

Daughter of Amy and Michael

May 22, 2010 PM

Parshat Naso

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- <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.
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Mazel Tov to All of Kol Emet's June Wedding Anniversaries and Birthdays

Anniversaries

Birthdays

| Day | Couple | Yrs | Day | Name | Day | Name |
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| 1 | Paul & Barbara Averill | 14 | 1 | Joshua Blaustein | 17 | Eric Leibowitz |
| 1 | Andrew & Betsy Harrison | 13 | 1 | Howard Goldberg | 17 | Mitchell Stein |
| 2 | Eric & Elyce Rosen | 25 | 1 | Matthew Goldhammer | 18 | Sharon Collopy |
| 3 | Russell & Jill Oster | 13 | 1 | Nancy Hill | 18 | Michael Sokoloff |
| 4 | Vincent & Leya Marandola | 10 | 1 | Amy Malakoff | 18 | Jordan Voron |
| 4 | Jay & Ilene Nusblatt | 21 | 1 | Cameron Pedrow | 19 | Sherry Horowitz |
| 6 | Gary Gilman & Deborah Zelitch | 23 | 2 | David Gordon | 19 | Sally Levine |
| 7 | Robert & Nicole Gulack | 12 | 2 | Melissa Katz | 19 | Logan Oster |
| 9 | Rick & Beth Biros | 25 | 2 | Robert Moses | 20 | Michael Fischer |
| 10 | Alvin & Helene Shipon | 29 | 2 | Zachary Sitko | 20 | Lindsay Friedenber |
| 11 | Phil & Laura Cooper | 21 | 3 | Stuart Kaplan | 21 | Jacob Goldberg |
| 11 | John & Nancy Pazdera | 21 | 3 | Terri Leibowitz | 21 | Daniel Greenberg |
| 12 | Howard & Holly Soffer | 22 | 3 | Paul Levine | 21 | Deborah Zelitch |
| 15 | Alan & Ronda Kotzen | 14 | 3 | Evan Marandola | 22 | Dara Cohen |
| 15 | Bob & Kathy Rosenthal | 30 | 3 | Herbert Sayare | 22 | Nicole Gulack |
| 15 | David Schoenfeld & Michele Sternberg | 14 | 3 | June Wasserstrom | 22 | Joshua Schultz |
| 17 | Richard & Keri Blaustein | 15 | 4 | Jordan Harris | 23 | Eugene Kopytko |
| 17 | Jim & Joann Sachs | 37 | 4 | Julie Hawk | 24 | Jason Clibanoff |
| 18 | Greg & Robin Frank | 21 | 6 | Heather Finkle | 24 | Matthew Sulby |
| 18 | Spencer & Stephanie Siegel | 15 | 6 | Robert Glatzer | 24 | Randi Weisman |
| 19 | Howard & Marcy Goldhammer | 22 | 6 | Austin Sotoloff | 25 | Adam Davis |
| 20 | Paul & Phyllis Browne | 45 | 6 | Erik Waldman | 25 | Ronald Fields |
| 22 | Byron & Lorraine Gaston | 35 | 7 | Bill Hirsch | 25 | Marcy Goldhammer |
| 23 | Michael & Marlene Greenberg | 36 | 7 | Melissa Lichter | 25 | Henry Lee |
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**CONGREGATION KOL EMET
MORTGAGE DEBT REDUCTION PROGRAM
PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

I would like to participate in the mortgage debt reduction program to help pay the mortgage at Kol Emet.

_____ I will participate in the monthly credit card installment plan. Please charge my credit card on or about the 10th of each month for the following amount:

\$18_____ \$90_____

\$36_____ \$108_____

\$54_____ \$126_____

\$72_____ \$144_____

OTHER AMOUNT \$_____

_____ Enclosed is my initial check for \$_____.

I understand that my Kol Emet End of Year statement will reflect this donation for my own records, shown on a calendar year basis, reduced by the number of payments paid thus far.

_____ I would like to make an ANNUAL PAYMENT in the amount of \$_____

Details _____

This is a 1-year program that will be evaluated yearly and only renewed with my permission.

Signature

Print Name

Street Address, City, State Zip

Credit Card #

Expiration Date