

# KOL קול עמי AMI

## Purim Celebrations to be held!

Both Congregation Kol Ami and the Jewish Center and Federation are gearing up for Purim, the spring celebration of the legendary Queen Esther's saving the Jewish people from certain death at the hands of Haman, the evil advisor of her husband, the Persian king Ahasuerus.

This year, the holiday begins at sundown, Saturday March 23 and ends at sundown, Sunday March 24.

Saturday CKA is planning a potluck dinner and full Megillah reading, tentatively scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. More details to follow.

Sunday, to a special joint celebration of Purim presented by both CKA and JCF, featuring a wine and beer tasting, along with a selection of cheese, fruits and other goodies for noshing. The cost per person will be \$18. The event is as joint fundraiser for the two organizations! More details about how to RSVP to follow!

Following the wine and beer tasting, the annual CKA Purim Spiel will be presented, directed by Beth Herbst. Attendance at the spiel is free, but donations will be accepted! Following the spiel, sweet treats will be provided.

The Rabbi will also be leading the crowd in Purim songs and a short Megillah reading Sunday afternoon during the event.

Jewish Center & Federation  
of the Twin Tiers  
Congregation Kol Ami

## February 2024

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## New Classes with Maggid Paul Solyn

During February and March, Maggid Paul Solyn will offer seven classes on the Writings/K'tuvim. The most varied section of the Hebrew Scriptures, it comprises all the books not part of the Torah or the Prophets, including the five Megillot (yes, there are five of them).

Most classes will be on Tuesday evenings but two will meet on Monday evenings, all at 7:30 p.m. The classes will be only on Zoom, at <http://tinyurl.com/ckaadultedu>

- Feb. 5 - The poetry of David, or not: Psalms
- Feb. 13 - The poetry of Solomon, or not: Song of Songs
- Feb. 20 - The wisdom of Solomon, or not: Ecclesiastes/Kohelet (with a bit of Zen)
- Feb. 26 - The Gantze Megillah: Esther
- Mar. 5 - Who is a Jew? Ezra, Nehemiah, Ruth
- Mar. 12 - There's suffering and there's suffering: Jonah and Job
- Mar. 19 - Destruction and Beyond: Lamentations and Daniel



Information about filling out the  
Purim Greetings for 2024  
is inside on page 6!  
The form is on page 9!

Make sure to fill  
yours out today!



## “Breath, Body, Mind” class with Sheila Katz Sunday, Feb. 4 at 11:30 a.m. at CKA

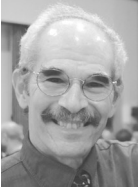


This hour and a half class will teach simple techniques to reduce stress and anxiety, enhance concentration, and balance your emotions.

Please RSVP to the JCF office ASAP at  
[office@jewishelmira.org](mailto:office@jewishelmira.org) or call 607-734-8122

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# Jewish Center and Federation



*from Past President Marcus Kantz*

So, we've finally had real snowfalls. It's about time but, frankly, I'm not quite as enamored of snowfalls as I once was. I used to be a weather geek, knowing all about weather, like, for instance that the term "weather" actually, officially means: Stuff other than the normal blah on the calendar. Thus, a snowfall is "weather", whereas a nice quiet chilly day is not. And that's the end of our weather seminar.

So, instead (Yeah, I know, I've already started 2 paragraphs with "So", but since it's my article, you can't sue me for that.) I think it might be time to talk a little about our Jewish Community. In some ways, our Jewish Community is much like it has been for decades. We have holiday and Holy Day services and kiddushes and dinners and events. We even have occasional life-cycle events like weddings and bar/bat mitzvahs. We have fund-raising events and activities. We have offices that do super-human

work keeping track of the rest of us by putting out formal and informal information announcements.

So it sounds like we're just humming along with Jewish Life As Usual (Yeah, so it's 3 in a row. Get over it.). But – and there's always a But – we are not humming along as usual. What we are doing is Shrinking – a lot. And it is really scary. I believe in my brain that, logically, there must still be lots of Jews and Jewish families in our neighborhood. There is no reason to believe that they've all died and/or all moved away. I believe, instead, that many, many of the Jews and Jewish families in our cities, towns, and neighborhoods are simply going about their secular lives without "practicing" their Judaism in the traditional organizational/congregational ways. For whatever reasons, both conscious or not, intentional or not, they are NOT choosing to participate as active parts of the Twin Tiers Jewish Community.

But, I am an optimist. With my strong innate belief in both Jews and Jewish People and, frankly, this neighborhood that has been my emotional home for my whole life. I still strongly believe that our Twin Tiers Jewish Family is not dead and is not dying. A prime example was this year's Chanukah dinner. Many, many families came to eat, to light candles, to schmooze, and just to be Jewish together. I was ecstatic! I hope those who attended were too.

So (for the fourth and last time), come rain or snow or stale Hamantaschen I am optimistically optimistic that our Jewish Community in the Southern Tier will continue for as far as the eye can see, because we're Jews, because we are friends, and because we FEEL like a Jewish Community, in our souls, in our hearts, and in our guts. And it makes me warm all over to say it. Shalom everyone,  
Marcus

## PJ LIBRARY

**Free books and music  
for Jewish children**

**ages 6 months–8 years**

[http://www.pjlibrary.org/  
communities/  
elmira-twin-tiers/317](http://www.pjlibrary.org/communities/elmira-twin-tiers/317)

**ages 9–12 years**

<http://www.pjourway.org>

A project of the Jewish Center  
& Federation and the  
Harold Grinspoon Foundation



## Community Kitchen



**Volunteers from CKA and JCF  
prepare and serve lunch at the  
Elmira Community Kitchen on  
the first Thursday of every  
month.**

**The next dates are  
March 7 and April 4.  
If you can help, please contact  
Gil Sweet. Cooks, food-  
preparers, shoppers, servers...  
you name it, we need you! Cash  
donations may be made  
through the JCF.**

## In Memoriam

Our heartfelt condolences to Eileen Fairchild, Robin Messing, Lynn Mancini and her son Andy, and their Families on the death of their mother, and grandmother, Susan Messing Zichronah Liv'rachah, May her memory be a blessing

Our heartfelt condolences to the Rosalyn DuBois and family on the passing of her cousin, Dr. Steven S. Rappaport Zichrono Liv'rachah - May his memory be a blessing

### Office Hours

**Congregation Kol Ami:**

Monday–Friday,  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Jewish Center & Federation:**

Monday–Friday,  
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

from Executive Director Ashley Gillan



Lately, I've been reading a lot about nonprofits. Go figure. And consistently, each think tank /blogger/self-proclaimed expert says to make your organization's goals and mission clear; to let people know what you're doing and how you're accomplishing it.

Well, recently, here at the JCF, we completed one of the most important things we do each year: our 2022 UJA campaign allocations were sent out. A total of \$41,831, was sent to international, national, and local organizations, each supporting great causes and each selected and vetted by the Allocations committee, led by the fearless Judy Prentice.

(I also want to mention Marc Hample, who is the chairman of the UJA campaign and works tirelessly to keep things moving throughout the year. Without him, none of this would be possible.)

So where did all that money go?

This year, with the events of Oct. 7, the main priority shifted to overseas

groups, most of which are on the front lines of the conflict in Israel, working to help those who need it most. For example, for the first time ever, the Allocations committee sent money to three hospitals who have been getting the majority of cases from the fighting: the Hadassah Hospital system; Soroka Medical Center in the South of Israel, which is 25 miles from Gaza and, according to their website has treated more than 1,400 wounded since the beginning of the conflict; and Assuta Ashdod, a northern Israeli hospital treating patients from the conflict, in a building complete with a bomb shelter.

The allocations committee also continued to give money to groups like the Anti-Defamation League and Southern Poverty Law Center, in an effort to combat rising anti-Semitism at home. We've seen it rear its ugly head right here in the Finger Lakes region and fighting for the right to be openly Jewish is more important than ever.

Locally, we are continuing to give to food pantries across the Twin Tiers. Food insecurity is one of the region's most pressing needs. WETM reported in September that local agencies like Catholic Charities and the Salvation Army were teaming up with the Food Bank of the Southern Tier to meet the rising demand for food services. All three agencies received money from the UJA campaign.

There are many other organizations that received funds from the UJA campaign, and I would encourage anyone who wants more information to reach out and ask about them. Our commitment to creating a lasting impact with the money raised through the campaign is something we at the JCF and on the Allocations committee take seriously and we want to assure you that that is happening.

Donations are always accepted. Please reach out the JCF office if you would like to make a donation or go to [www.jewishelmira.org/uja](http://www.jewishelmira.org/uja).

## JCF Donations

### JFNA Campaign Donations

#### Donor

☆Anonymously

#### Friend

☆Dr. Michelle Pavillard & Dr. James Freeman

☆Stuart & Judy Komer

#### Sponsor

☆Mark Banach

☆Gail & Richard Gerard

☆Beth & Lee Herbst

☆Carole Hoffman

☆Linda & Murray Kaufman

☆Hillary M. Krill

☆Malvina & Emmanul Kushnir

☆Sharon & Scott Moore

☆David Ralph

☆Gregory S. Rubin

#### Supporter

☆Anita & Lee Adelsberg

#### Patron

☆Annie Werner

#### Benefactor

☆Margo Bliven & Richard Rosenberg

## Mazal Tov

To Jim Gray, Thank you for always responding positively when I ask for your help at CKA. Whether it is with your ideas, your solutions or actually making what is needed, you just make the idea come to fruition! Thanks Jim, from Sue King

To Michelle Berliss on receiving the Corning Museum of Glass Sprite of Service Award. She has been a mentor to other volunteers, sharing her skills, knowledge, and experience – serving as a positive role model she

has touched the lives of countless people with her kindness, compassion, and empathy.

To Ben Futterman on his recent engagement to Giancarlo Levano.



## Kol Ami Updates

All information in the printed edition of the Kol Ami is accurate as of publishing but changes may occur, for up to date information please check our on line calendar at <https://www.jewishelmira.org/calendar>

or visit us on Facebook at Jewish Center and Federation of the Twin Tiers.

# Congregation Kol Ami – כל עמי



*from President John Goldman*

This month I was beginning to fear I had writer's block. I even considered just skipping a month. A couple of ideas for this article came to mind but then became fraught with frustration as I began to put them figuratively on paper. I imagine our 15-month-old grandson may not ever truly know what that expression means as most things go digital. I assume children will continue to learn how to write on paper (or maybe an electronic pad?), not just dictate to Siri or Google or whatever name is used to make people feel they are communicating with another human being which also provides spelling and grammar corrections automatically. You will notice I am not using such tools as evidenced by the previous run on sentence....

As Shabbat began this weekend, I found myself realizing this article was now technically overdue to Ashley & Tina who do such a wonderful job of putting the Kol Ami together. I hoped I would find inspiration for some meaningful words (quickly). Perhaps going to the Shopkeepers Shabbat service and breakfast in the morning would be such a source.

I was not disappointed. I truly enjoyed the service led by Rabbi Tom. Short and to the point: prayer to G-D, time for self-reflection and prayer, and remembering those who have passed.

Interestingly, the number of people in attendance was probably not significantly different when this type of service was held several years ago at

CKA (and even longer ago at Congregation B'nai Israel). There were people who had not been in the community back then as well as several who had. We had a former member whom I had not seen in some time but who had stayed connected via this newsletter over time. It was nice to see them and to see the warm welcome everyone provided. Alas, the shops and shopkeepers are no longer in the community, but the spirit of the service and breakfast is still with us. The breakfast itself had not changed. It was still excellent thanks to our volunteer cooks! It would be great to see you at the next one.

L'Shalom,  
John

## CKA Donations

### General Donations

- ✧ In Honor of Nina Benjamin by Andrey & Dr. Marietta Zaborsky
- ✧ Thinking & Praying for Lee Adelsberg during these times by Carole Hoffman
- ✧ In Memory of Sue Braunstein by Marsha Stemerman
- ✧ In loving Memory of Stanley Herbst by Dr. Lee & Beth Herbst
- ✧ In Memory of Ann Rubinsky by Michael Weisser

- ✧ In Memory of Samuel Goldman by Philip & Cindy Goldman
- ✧ In Memory of Fay Levine by Linda L. Fox
- ✧ In Memory of Chet Fox by Linda L. Fox
- ✧ In Memory of Sue Braunstein by Paul Kaplan
- ✧ In Memory of Parents Abraham & Edith Rubin by Herbert H. Morris
- ✧ Donation by Scott Reynolds

- ✧ In Memory of Morris Leibson by Herman Liebson

### Technology Donation

- ✧ Sending wishes for a speedy recovery to Lee Adelsberg by Andra Frank

### Seltzer Fund

- ✧ Seltzer Family Endowment Fund by Alan & Susan Seltzer

## CKA Book Club

February 21

*Thistlefoot*

by GennaRose Nethercott

March 20

*Künstlers in Paradise*

by Cathleen Schine

April 17

*Shmutz* by Felicia Berliner

All meetings are at noon, at

<https://tinyurl.com/CKABOOKCLUB>.

Books are available online, at the public library, & in the Jerome & Etkind Library at CKA.

## Birthdays

Zachary Dolkart  
Gloria Friedman  
Stephen Glantz  
Ashley Holtzman  
Cheryl Miller  
Scott Moore  
Brasha Smith  
Daniel Sporn  
Emily Sporn  
Julianna Sporn  
Jerome Steinmetz



from Rabbi Tom Samuels

**Message From Rabbi Tom, CKA  
Finding God in the Everyday**

Rabbi Yaakov Shimshon of Kosov (Ukraine, 1814 - 1880) loved to share with his students the stories of the great Jewish mystics, the Hassidim. It once happened after morning prayers that Rabbi Yaakov began to tell one story after another without stopping. He and his students were lifted to such a state of divine rapture that they stepped out of time. The day passed, and it wasn't until late in the afternoon that the rabbi told his final tale. Soon afterwards, ever so slowly, everyone returned to the reality of the physical world, realizing that they had eaten neither breakfast nor lunch.

One of the students stood up and honored Rabbi Yaakov, saying: "Until this moment, Rabbi, I did not really understand Moshe Rabbeinu, Moses our sacred teacher, when he said that while on Mount Sinai he ate no bread and drank no water. (Exodus 34:28) Now I know what it is like to be filled with the very Presence of God and to feel no further need to eat or drink."

Rabbi Yaakov nodded his appreciation to his student and said, "Your interpretation is a worthy one, my son, but perhaps Moses was not celebrating his transcendence of food and drink, but actually regretting it?"

Perhaps Moses realized, Rabbi Yaakov imagined, that in those forty days on Mount Sinai when he neither ate nor drank, he had actually failed to uplift the divine sparks in his own bread and water. In the World to Come, would these sparks complain to the Holy One that Moses did them a grave disservice by putting his own love of God before their liberation? (From Rabbi Rami Shapiro's book, Hassidic Tales)

Rabbi Yaakov was drawing upon a foundational Jewish principle that all the parts of Creation, even food and drink, contain a spark of the Divine, a Nitzotz in Hebrew. A human being's deepest spiritual work is to release those sparks and return them to God by using the things of this world in a righteous and honorable manner.

Imagine that. Even Moses, the only human being to come face to face

with HaShem, the Divine, needed to focus on the ordinary.

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel famously taught that we tend to read the Bible looking for mighty acts from God. Meanwhile, the God of the Bible is actually waiting for us human beings to find life's greatest mysteries in the beautiful simplicities of our every day lives.

Listen carefully to the words of the Prophet Elijah, "There was a great and mighty wind, splitting mountains and shattering rocks by the power of the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind, an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake, fire; but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire, a kol demamah dakkah, the sound of a delicate silence." (1 Kings 19)

The Divine, Rabbi Heschel was teaching us, as was Rabbi Yaakov in our story above, is found in the ordinariness. The every day. The seemingly most mundane aspects of our lives. That is where God resides. B'Shalom, Rabbi Tom, CKA

**Service Schedule**

Shabbat and festival services are both in-person, and online at <https://zoom.us/j/234349277>.

Shabbat Evening Service  
7:30 PM

Shabbat Morning Service  
9:30 AM

**Weekly Torah/Haftarah Portions & Candle Lighting**

<p><b>February 2-3</b> 5:05 p.m. <i>Yitro</i> Exodus 18:1-20:22 Isaiah 6:1-7:6, 9:5-6</p>	<p><b>February 9-10</b> 5:14 p.m. <i>Mishpatim</i> Exodus 21:1-24:18 Isaiah 66:1-24</p>	<p><b>February 16-17</b> 5:23 p.m. <i>Terumah</i> Exodus 25:1-27:19 I Kings 5:26-6:13</p>	<p><b>February 23-24</b> 5:32 p.m. <i>Tetsavveh</i> Exodus 27:20-30:10 Ezekiel 43:10-27</p>
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**Adult Education**  
*Open to the entire community*

**Bagels & Torah**  
10:00 a.m.  
February 4, 11, 18, 25  
with Rabbi Tom Samuels  
**In person & Zoom**  
<https://zoom.us/j/234349277>

**Hebrew Scriptures**  
7:30 p.m.  
February 5, 13, 20, 26,  
March 5, 12, 19  
with Maggid Paul Solyn  
**Zoom Only**  
<http://tinyurl.com/ckaadultedu>

## It's Purim time!

It's a fundraiser and a Mitzvah, rolled into one!! And our Annual Purim Project involves everyone. What could be better? So, join in on the fun and goodwill and participate in this project.

Everyone will receive a Purim greeting card and local members also receive Mishloach Manot – a small gift of food. If you would like your name signed on a congregant's card, simply put a checkmark next to their name on the Purim Form '24. Count the checkmarks and donate equal to \$2.00 for each name or greet the entire Congregation for \$100.00.

You can order additional gifts for local or out-of-town delivery for friends and family (think grandchildren). Just provide the mailing address and \$18.00 per bag, and we will do the rest. There is no charge for mailing to your children who are currently attending college. (We just need you to provide their names and current mailing address.) If you prefer not to receive a Purim Bag, please note that on your order form. If you are willing to help deliver Purim Bags to some of your neighbors and friends, please indicate that on the order form.

Please make your check payable to CKA and mail or bring it to the office by Wednesday, February 29, 2024 along with your completed

order form, on page 9, and you will have the satisfaction of helping to continue an old and honored tradition. Please join in.  
CKA Purim Committee



## Havdala Service & Nosh Saturday, February 24 at 5:00 p.m.

*In Person at CKA & on ZOOM at:  
<https://zoom.us/j/234349277>*

Join the CKA community in marking the end of Shabbat with *Seuda'at Shelisheet*, the third and final meal (light fare) on Shabbat, followed by welcoming in the new week with the Havdala ceremony.

**Upcoming Dates:  
March 16, April 20, May 25**

For more information, please contact  
Rabbi Tom at the CKA office:  
[office@kolamielmira.org](mailto:office@kolamielmira.org)  
Tel: (607) 732-7410

## CKA's Shopkeepers' Shabbat

Service & Breakfast  
Saturday, February 10  
at 8:30 a.m.

*In Person at CKA Only*

CKA is bringing back the beloved Shopkeepers' Shabbat Service & Breakfast. We'll have a short Shabbat morning service followed by breakfast and of course, lots of Schmoozing.

**Upcoming Dates:  
March 9, April 13, May 11**

For more information, please contact  
Rabbi Tom at the CKA office:  
[office@kolamielmira.org](mailto:office@kolamielmira.org)  
Tel: (607) 732-7410



# Yahrzeits

## February

1	Sarah M. Friendly
1	Nathan Granoff
1	Beatrice Perling
2	Pauline Cooper
2	Harry Seltzer
2	Leona M. Siskin
3	Rev. Elmer Appel
3	Alan B. Golde
4	Etta Berman
4	Max Bloch
4	Steven Braunstein
4	Rose Y. Hoffman
4	Lenora H. Nast
4	Bessie Rubin
4	Esther Sandler
4	Martha Spiegel
4	Martha W. Spiegel
4	Sydell Stern
5	Simon Glaser
5	Anne Kohn
5	Peter Kronenthal
5	Abraham H. Rubin
5	Harry Sigel
5	Harry Stemerman
5	Tessie Stemerman
5	Judith Stern
6	Rochelle Gorden
6	David Parker
6	Pauline Pollak
6	Herbert Robbins
6	Joseph Rockman
6	George B. Sherman
7	Mary Chandler
7	Virginia S. Friedman
7	Henry Winston
8	David Benjamin
8	David Finkelstein
8	Betty C. Goldsmith
8	Harry Hofrichter
8	Leonard Katz
8	Robert Perling
8	Israel Pinhas
8	Morton Sadinsky
8	Minnie Simckes
9	Samuel Karl
9	Grace Newmark
9	Lionel Sacks
9	Marjorie Schooler

## Shvat

12	Charles Rosenblatt	3	25	Murray Leveen	16
22	Lena Semelisky	3	25	Leah Weiner	16
22	Terri Cohen	4	26	Faye E. Epstein	17
22	Samuel A. Rabinowitz	4	26	Philip Golos	17
23	Joseph Sacks	4	26	Edward J. Hoffman	17
23	Sally Sorin	4	26	Florence Lebowitz	17
23	Martin Franklyn Brownfield	5	26	Jonathan Raz	17
24	Rhea Shadruff	5	26	Bryna Rubin	17
24	Mildred Siegel	5	27	Herbert Helman	18
25	Rose Weiss	5	27	Mary Heyman	18
25	Annabel L. Cohen	6	27	Mollie Jerome	18
25	Samuel Drucker	6	27	Joyce Kalman	18
25	Armond Loeb	6	27	Charles Robinson	18
25	Louis Nagler	6	28	Samuel Blume	19
25	Charles Amsel	7	28	Saul Cadel	19
25	Sue Fink	7	28	Barbara Delahanty	19
25	Sophie Koch	7	28	Isaac Eiges	19
25	Bernard Louis Porter	7	28	Neil Friedlander	19
25	Irving Stern	7	28	Richard Nast	19
26	Bella Cohen	8	28	Moses E. Pierce	19
26	Barney Featherman	8	28	Frieda Weiss	19
26	Everett Gray	8	29	Jerry Birman	20
26	Miriam Hoffman Jacobs	8	29	Arthur Cadel	20
26	Naomi T. Kahn	8	29	Jennie Friedman	20
26	Rebecca Kantrowitz	8	29	Pauline Gladke	20
26	Barbara Blazar	9	29	Harry Goldberg	20
26	Thelma Ratner	9	29	George Kaufer	20
27	Jacob Adelson	10	29	Robert M. Kohn	20
27	Philoman Harris	10	29	Seymour Rosencrans	20
27	Dora Miller	10			
27	Jonathan Shear	10			
27	Emma Webber	10			
27	Sanford. L. Zalburg	10			
28	Harold Paltrowitz	11			
28	Rose Rubenstein	11			
28	Marc Rubino	11			
29	Dora Baker	12			
29	Jacob Goldberg	12			
29	Frank Levine	12			
29	Florence Berger	13			
29	Bernard Kahn	13			
29	Marcus Kantz	13			
29	Ann Aronson Krill	13			
29	Harriet M. Levy	13			
29	Ada Pollak Locks	13			
30	Louis T. Sayers	13			
30	Manuel Steinberg	13			
30	Sol Levine	14			
30	Mooney Lovitch	14			
30	Callie K. Marcus	14			
30	Lena Parker	14			
	George Plitt	14			
	Samuel Richter	14			
	Judy Rosenbloom	14			
	Hennie Sall	14			
	Morris Bitensky	15			
	Jack Buchsbaum	15			
	Shirley H. Gersony	15			
	Harry Miller	15			
	Flora Seamon	15			
	Sarah K. Featherman	16			
	Martha Freudenheim	16			

## February

10	Hyman Rubin
11	Benjamin Malinowitz
11	David Rosenblatt
11	William H. Rosenthal
11	Sarah Rosenzweig
11	Abraham Stern
12	James P. Clifton
12	Sonia Etkind
12	Richard Frank
12	Lena Hyman
12	Harriet Johnson

## Adar I

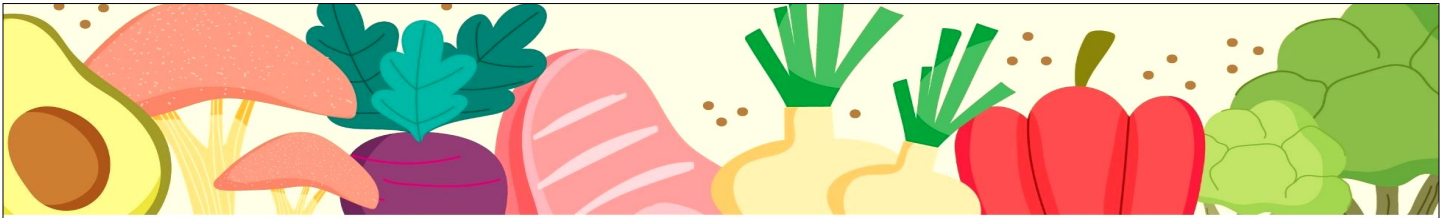
1	23	George Plitt	14
2	23	Samuel Richter	14
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2	23	Hennie Sall	14
2	24	Morris Bitensky	15
2	24	Jack Buchsbaum	15
3	24	Shirley H. Gersony	15
3	24	Harry Miller	15
3	24	Flora Seamon	15
3	25	Sarah K. Featherman	16
3	25	Martha Freudenheim	16



All information for the March issue of *Kol Ami* must be submitted to one of the organizations offices by February 10. Please be sure that all dates are on the Jewish Community calendar.



# Upcoming Sisterhood Events



## SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA

MARCH 1, 2024

**Enjoy a community meal before services as part of a nationwide coming together to celebrate Shabbos! Services. Watch Your email for further information on how to sign up!**



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE

## SECOND NIGHT SEDER

APRIL 23RD, 2024  
DETAILS TO FOLLOW!



**Purim 2024**



**Dear Fellow Congregants,**

Once again....."it is a Purim Mitzvah and a fundraiser rolled into one that involves everyone; what could be better?"

**ALL FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29  
EITHER BY MAIL OR BY DROP-OFF AT THE CKA OFFICE  
CONGREGATION KOL AMI, 1008 W. WATER ST. ELMIRA, NY 14905.**

**If you are able to contribute to this Mitzvah Project, please donate as follows:**

\$ Totals	
	\$2.00 for each name checked on the list on reverse side.
	\$100.00 to greet all members and staff of CKA
	\$18.00 for each Mitzvah package you wish sent to family, friends or Grad students. <b>*Please attach a list of the names and addresses indicating where you would like these packages mailed.</b>
\$0.00	Undergraduates will receive a package at no charge <b>*Please attach a list of the names and addresses indicating where you would like these packages mailed.</b>
	<b>Grand Total \$ Enclosed</b> (*All Purim boxes intend to be mailed by Monday, March 20th)

**If you are not able to contribute to the Mitzvah Project this year, we still need to hear from you with the following information:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ I/we prefer to receive only the Purim card this year.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I/we look forward to the delivery of our Purim Bag this year!
- \_\_\_\_\_ I/we will not be at my local address around March 24th; please do not deliver a bag.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I/we prefer to pick up my bag at the Synagogue; please do not deliver a bag.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I/we prefer to have my box mailed to my home address. I am including shipping for this option.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I/we would be willing to help deliver Purim bags in our local area. (March 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>)

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# Jewish Community Calendar

# February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Community Kitchen	2 CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service	3 CKA 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Kiddish & Discussion 6:15 pm Havdalah
4 CKA 10:00 am Bagels & Torah with Rabbi Tom JCF 11:30 am Breath, Body, Mind with Sheila Katz	5 CKA 7:30 pm Class with Paul Solyn Zoom only	6 JCF 7:30 pm Executive Board Meeting	7	8	9 CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service	10 CKA 8:30 am Shopkeepers Shabbat service & breakfast CKA 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Kiddish & Discussion 6:15 pm Havdalah
11 CKA 10:00 am Bagels & Torah with Rabbi Tom	12 JCF 7:30 pm Board Meeting	13 CKA 7:30 pm Class with Paul Solyn, Zoom Only	14	15 CKA 7:00 pm Executive Board Meeting	16 CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service	17 CKA 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Kiddish & Discussion 6:30 pm Havdalah
18 CKA 10:00 am Bagels & Torah with Rabbi Tom	19 CKA Office Closed  President's Day	20 CKA 7:30 pm Class with Paul Solyn, Zoom Only	21 CKA 12:00 pm Book Club CKA 7:00 pm Board Meeting	22	23 CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service	24 CKA 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Kiddish & Discussion CKA 5:00 pm Havdalah Service & Dinner
25 CKA 10:00 am Bagels & Torah with Rabbi Tom	26 CKA 7:30 pm Class with Paul Solyn, Zoom Only	27 JCF 7:30 pm Executive Board Meeting	28	29		

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