

## A First Year in Review

Less than one year after holding our first service (on August 26, 2005), KI has achieved the most important goals we set for ourselves for our first year in Blue Bell. KI has a core group of new, dedicated members with a vision for and dedication to KI's Blue Bell Campus.

These congregants have expressed their commitment to grow both our Blue Bell membership and our religious school, and are already laying the foundation for a healthy future. In just one year, KI has become a synagogue to look at when considering congregational affiliation in Blue Bell, Colledgeville, Lansdale, Ambler, Skippack and surrounding areas.



KI Blue Bell offers both first rate and creative religious school education, participatory worship experiences, a warm and welcoming environment, and an opportunity to benefit from programs and events in the larger Elkins Park Campus, as well as young, energetic clergy that congregants both respect for their intellectual ability and view as compassionate, approachable contemporaries with whom they can confide or just enjoy a few quiet minutes.



As we look back on our last two Shabbat services in Blue Bell, one led by our religious school students and the other an international "Taste of Shabbat" with international cuisine and special sacred music by Ross Levy, we can see the enthusiasm and level of participation grow. Each of these services was attended by more than 100 members and

"members-to-be" (referred to by others as "prospective members"). The most recent Shabbat in Blue Bell – "Shabbat Under the Stars" – was a barbeque dinner followed by an outdoor service. In sum, whether it's Shabbat dinner and services with the KI Puppets, religious school, a Chocolate Oneg, a visit to the Abramson Center for Mitzvah Day, barbeques, an adults only wine party in a member's home, astrology from the Jewish perspective, or sharing dinner each week at a local restaurant after religious school, KI Blue Bell is becoming "the place to be" ... the place to belong.

## A Vision for the Future



As our Blue Bell members continue to take on an ever-increasing leadership role in KI Blue Bell's future, we anticipate growing membership and religious school enrollment. A Site Search Committee, whose membership consists of both newer Blue Bell families and life-long KI members, our Senior Rabbi, and our President, has been formed to consider and evaluate options for a more permanent home from which KI can offer

preschool education and a growing variety of educational, religious, social and social action programming and worship experiences in the warm and friendly environment that is KI Blue Bell. We encourage all KI members (and members-to-be) to experience KI Blue Bell's inclusive and welcoming community by attending Shabbat dinner and services or one of the many other programs offered in Blue Bell throughout the year