



*"My House Shall Be A House of Prayer For All People."*

# Congregation Kol Ami E Koleinu

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Kol Ami's Almost  
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### Worship Services

Please join us for Shabbat Services  
Friday, April 19, 2013 at 8:00 pm.  
Services will be led by Student Rabbi Greg  
Weisman, Cantor Mark Saltzman and the Kol Ami  
Ritual Committee.  
Sermon will be given by Dr. Nancy A. Cohen  
  
Services are free and everyone is welcome



**Religious School Family Day**  
**Sunday, April 21, 2013**  
**at 9:30 am**



***MAZEL TOV on your engagement***

**Bambi Holzer and Marshall Karr**

Directory will resume publication in 2013.

Please print, complete, and fax back this form to **323/606-0997**. [Click Here](#)

### Refuah Schlemah

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Lowell Selvin, Bob Weiner

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GAME NIGHT AT TRIANGLE SQUARE**



Congregation Kol Ami, MCC, and The Gay Men's Chorus are co-sponsoring a new volunteer opportunity with our LGBT Senior friends at GLEH's Triangle Square! Join us to play games, socialize, and have fun with different generations in our community.

We will meet the last Thursday of each month 7:00 - 9:00 pm.



**MAZEL TOV  
ABBY BERGMAN**

**On making the Los Angeles County Life Guard Cadets Program**



**Sunday, April 21, 2013 8:30 am**

**Community-Wide Walk Celebrating Israel's 65th Independence Day**

**Meet with other LGBT Jews in front of Temple Isaiah on Sunday at 8:00 am**

**Temple Isaiah  
10345 W. Pico Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90064**

**SALUTE FOR ISRAEL WALK**

**PLEASE JOIN US:**

Please arrive at  
Triangle Square by  
6:45 pm

Students in need of  
community service  
hours are encouraged  
to join in! Kol Ami  
will sign off on this  
activity as hours  
served.

Come volunteer,  
brighten someone's  
day and have a great  
time doing so!

**Your next  
opportunity to  
participate is  
THURSDAY,  
April 25, 2013  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

For more information,  
please contact Kol  
Ami member Howard  
Goldin  
at [hig1217@aol.com](mailto:hig1217@aol.com) or  
Bill Gallimore,  
GMCLA Gives Back  
at: [billgallimore@aol.com](mailto:billgallimore@aol.com).

We hope to see you  
there!

**Help us  
celebrate  
10 Years of Kol  
Ami SOVA  
Support**

**Food Drive  
SOVA**

**HELP US REFILL**



## **Sexual Health and Judaism**

### **A Panel Discussion**

with Rabbi Denise Eger and Dr. Jonathan Bergman, Dept. of  
Urology, UCLA

Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 7:00 pm  
Congregation Kol Ami  
1200 N. La Brea Avenue  
West Hollywood, CA 90038

Hosted by Congregation Kol Ami  
Sponsored by the Wendy Sukman Fund

The panel will explore the Jewish relationship to sexual health  
including a focus on STD's, sexual dysfunction, and HIV/AIDS.

For more information on Jewish Wisdom & Wellness and to  
register, click here:

[www.jewishwisdomandwellness.org](http://www.jewishwisdomandwellness.org)

## **Calendar**

### **Wednesday, April 17, 2013**

7:00 pm - Intro to Judaism Class

### **Thursday, April 18, 2013**

12:00 pm Lunch 'N Learn with Rabbi Eger

### **Friday, April 19, 2013**

8:00 pm Shabbat Services with Cantor Saltzman and Ritual Committee

### **Sunday, April 21, 2013**

8:00 am Salute for Israel Walk (Meet at Temple Isaiah)

9:30 am Religious school

### **Tuesday, April 23, 2013**

7:00 pm Sexual Health & Judaism Panel Discussion with Rabbi Eger and  
Dr. Jonathan Bergman, UCLA Department of Urology

### **Wednesday, April 24, 2013**

7:00 pm Intro to Judaism Class

7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

7:30 pm Mayoral Forum at NCJW/LA Council House

### OUR BARRELS



### SOVA is out of TUNA and MACARONI & CHEESE

We are always in need of personal toiletries, but right now our priority is TUNA, and mac & cheese. Please pick up some TUNA and mac & cheese to donate on your next shopping trip

Kol Ami will be meeting at SOVA the 2nd Sunday of each month.

Please join us.

**NEXT DATE:**  
**Sunday, April 14, 2013**  
**8:30 AM - NOON**

**LOCATION:**  
1140 N. La Brea  
West Hollywood, 90038  
(1 block south of the synagogue)

**Thursday, April 25, 2013**  
7:00 pm Game night at Triangle Square

**Friday, April 26, 2013**  
8:00 pm Shabbat services with Rabbi Eger and Jeremy Gimbel

**Sunday, April 28, 2013**  
9:30 am Religious School  
1:00 pm Lobby Dedication to Murray Adelman

### MEET THE CANDIDATES

**Kol Ami is co-sponsoring a Mayoral Candidates Forum**  
**April 24, 2013 at 7:30 pm**  
**NCJW/LA Council House**  
details below



With **Eric Garcetti**  
Council Member, 13<sup>th</sup> District  
and  
**Wendy Greuel**  
City Controller

**Moderator:** Dave Bryan, Political Reporter, CBS2/KCAL9-TV

**Wednesday, April 24, 2013**  
7:30pm -9:30pm  
Doors open at 7:30pm, program starts promptly at 7:45pm  
**NCJW/LA Council House**  
543 N. Fairfax Avenue, Los Angeles 90036  
Refreshments served.  
**RSVP to Ruth Williams at 323-852-8503 or [ruth@ncjwla.org](mailto:ruth@ncjwla.org)**



**RSVP to Ruth Williams at 323/852-8501 or [ruth@ncjwla.org](mailto:ruth@ncjwla.org)**

Parshat Achrei Mot-Kedoshim

Join the Social Action Committee at SOVA, the Jewish Family Services food pantry to help pack groceries for clients. We are there every 2nd and 4th Sunday from 8:30 to noon, followed by lunch. Please notify Social Action co-chair Sam Fibish at: [samguy@att.net](mailto:samguy@att.net) if you are interested in joining us or for other volunteer opportunities at SOVA.

When you visit the synagogue, please remember to bring donations for the SOVA barrels.

Thank you and remember, SOVA is here to serve you if you are in need. They have two other locations in Van Nuys and in the Pico-Robertson district.

For more information, please visit their website at:

[jfsla.org/sova](http://jfsla.org/sova)

***Its Time to  
Bring in Your  
Tzedakah  
Cans!***



## Leviticus 16:1-20:27 Rabbi Denise L. Eger

After death, holiness is a translation of the names of this week's double portion, Achrei Mot-Kedoshim. The first Torah portion Achrei Mot (After death) are priestly rules after the death of Aaron's sons Nadav and Avihu who dared offered a foreign sacrifice on the altar of God and lost their lives because of it. The Torah continues to remind the priesthood of the rules of the Mishkan, the tabernacle and the sacrifices. In particular to keep the holy precincts of the temple holy, and mundane activities separate. For example the priests are given specific instructions to not slaughter animals whose meat will be used for their private meals in the temple courtyards. The only slaughter of animals permitted are those to be used for sacrificial purposes in the sacred Tabernacle. The larger sections of the Achrei Mot describes the order of service and sacrifice for Yom Kippur in the Israelite religious culture. And finally there are rules that define "kosher" sexual relationships (this is the traditional reading on Yom Kippur afternoon). Thus as the Avodah service, of Yom Kippur afternoon is described as in this Torah portion the Torah reading that Yom Kippur afternoon finishes the parasha by concluding with the arayot, the sexual transgressions. The question remains whether these were targeted to the priesthood only or to the larger people of Israel.

Kedoshim, the second portion we read this week, is filled with what we might call more ethical behaviors associated with living a holy life that are not just aimed at the priesthood. Kedoshim targets the day to day interactions of most human beings. Everything from honoring one's parents, to observing Shabbat to honesty in weights and measures. The Torah portion is filled with reminders to execute fair justice in the courts, not to take bribes, respect those who are disabled. It is clear that the target audience for Kedoshim is a larger audience than simply the priesthood. The mitzvot described in Kedoshim (which in Reform congregations is read on Yom Kippur afternoon) are a pathway to holiness. As parshat Kedoshim opens, "I am holy, so therefore you be holy."

The innovation here in Torah is that holiness is not just the realm of the priesthood! It is the realm of all Jews who follow the Torah. Priests may have special duties in the Tabernacle or Temple in regard to the sacrifices and their sacred work. But all Jews have the opportunity to access the special gift of kedusha/holiness by the actions we take in the real world. This week's Torah portion reminds us to engage in these acts with gusto and indeed live by them.

Please bring in your cans for donation, and don't forget to pick up a new one while you're here.

***If you are unable to make it to Services and would still like to join us for worship, NOW YOU CAN!***

***Kol Ami is proud to offer you the opportunity to view Friday evening Services live on the web.***

***Please connect here for Friday night Services, and enjoy the spiritual experience of Kol Ami at home.***



Congregation Kol Ami invites you to a  
**SILVER CELEBRATION**  
 Rabbi Denise Eger's  
 25 Years as a Rabbi

**SAVE THE DATE**  
 6•15•13

*Invitation to Follow*

CONGREGATION  
**KOL AMI**  
 WEST HOLLYWOOD'S  
 REFORM SYNAGOGUE

For more information, or to get involved,  
 contact Steve Tyler, Event Producer  
 (323) 467-1600 • LuckyAct@aol.com

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S JEWISH LGBT FAMILY RETREAT!

Join us at the Shalom Institute in Malibu! Discover the magic of a camp experience designed with your family in mind in a safe and supportive environment. Join us for an amazing weekend that includes:

\* Shabbat \* Havdalah \* Arts and Crafts \* Song Sessions \* Campfires  
\* Nature Walks \* Sports \* Delicious Kosher Food \* Adult Discussions \* Animals  
\* Children's Programs \* Zip Line \* Yoga \* Gardening \* And much, much more!

Nestled in a beautiful wooded canyon in Malibu, the Shalom Institute is an ideal location for a family retreat. Facilities include amphitheaters, ropes course, climbing wall, organic farm, animal center, waterfalls, miles of hiking trails, children's playground, and more!

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE!**

### Housing

Children in kindergarten and older are housed in cabin groups with children their own age, supervised by experienced counselors. Children under kindergarten age will be housed with parents in cabins. \*Motel-style accommodations are available for a small additional charge.

During the day and evening, there will be special, supervised, age appropriate activities and childcare for children under kindergarten age by experienced staff.

### Rates

Adults: **\$180 per person**  
(in cabins or in your own RV or tent)

Adults in private room: **\$210 per person**  
(Motel style rooms: double occupancy)  
(Limited amount of private rooms available on a first come first reserved basis.)

Children 4 and older: **\$140 per child**  
Children 3 and under: **FREE!**  
\*\$10 discount per person if deposit is paid by deadline

**REGISTER AT: [www.shalominstitute.com](http://www.shalominstitute.com)**

### **Rabbi Eger Online!**

Did you know Rabbi Eger not only keeps up her Torah blog on the Kol Ami website, but also has her own personal blog?

There are new posts every day, so be sure to visit often. Click this link to start reading  
[Click Here](#)

You can also follow Rabbi Eger on Twitter! @deniseeger or follow Kol Ami @KolAmiLA

And friend her on Facebook!  
[Click Here](#)

Also don't forget to check into Kol Ami on Foursquare the next time you're at Temple! Check out our loyalty special!  
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