

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

## Congregation Kol Ami E-Koleinu February 13, 2013 3 Adar 5773

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### Worship Services

Please join us for Shabbat Services  
Friday, February 15, 2013 at 8:00 PM  
Services will be led by Rabbi Denise L. Eger  
and Cantor Mark Saltzman

Services are free, and everyone is welcome.

### PURIM 2013

JOIN US FOR A GRAND CELEBRATION  
from France to Brooklyn to Shushan

Saturday, February 23, 2013  
7:00 pm Megillah Reading  
7:30 pm Purim Schpiel

This year's Purim Schpiel is:  
LES MIZ-SHUGINAH GIRL:  
A Classic Purim Tale of Love, Politics,  
and the Academy Awards!

COME IN COSTUME  
Enjoy Chocolate Martinis, Apple Martinis,  
non-alcoholic Sangria and more

## Calendar

### **Wednesday, February 13, 2013**

3:00 PM Conversational Hebrew  
7:00 PM Intro to Judaism

### **Friday, February 15, 2013**

8:00 PM Shabbat Services with Rabbi Eger and Cantor Saltzman

### **Sunday, February 17, 2013**

No Religious School - Presidents Day

### **Wednesday, February 20, 2013**

3:00 PM Conversational Hebrew  
7:00 PM Intro to Judaism

### **Thursday, February 21, 2013**

12:00 pm Lunch 'N Learn with Rabbi Eger

### **Friday, February 22, 2013**

8:00 PM Shabbat Services with Rabbi Eger and Cantor Saltzman

### **Saturday, February 23, 2013**

7:00 PM Megillah Reading  
7:30 PM Purim Schpiel



## HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

### DOWNTOWN LUNCH 'N LEARN

Thursday, February 21, 2013  
12:00 noon – 1:00 pm

Work downtown or nearby?  
Want to meet others who do?

Come learn the Talmud at lunch!

Join us each month for a lively discussion of Jewish law, Jewish ethics, and contemporary issues.

Rabbi Eger will teach a Lunch 'N Learn course on the third Thursday of each month beginning at 12:00 noon until 1:00 pm

The sessions will be held in the law offices of :  
Grunfeld, Desiderio et al  
707 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 4150  
Los Angeles, CA

Lunch and drinks provided  
(no fee)

### Refuah Schlemah

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Jane Drucker, Darren Goldstein, Linnet Graves Broidy, Steve Sellery, Lowell Selvin, Sharon Siegel, Bob Weiner

### **BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND**

Kol Ami's Almost Annual Membership Directory will resume publication in 2013. Please print, complete, and fax back this form to **323/606-0997**.

[Membership Update Form 2013](#)



**SAVE THE DATE**  
Our next community



## **No Religious School**

February 17, 2013  
Presidents Day Weekend

### ADULT CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW CLASS



SPEAK HEBREW LIKE  
AN ISRAELI



Kol Ami is proud to offer a Conversational Hebrew

**POT-LUCK SHABBAT DINNER  
with Rabbi Denise L. Eger  
will be  
Friday, April 5, 2013, 7:00 pm**

**Watch for more details**

Please note: Student Rabbi Greg Weisman will be leading Services back at Congregation Kol Ami

**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 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.

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,  
February 28, 2013**

class beginning Wednesday, February 6th at 3pm. Class will be for 5 weeks and continue through March 13, 2013. Taught by veteran Hebrew teacher Amir Miltchan, the class will focus on conversation for everyday life! Take your Hebrew skills to the next level! Amir has taught both children and adults for many years. He is formerly on staff of the Pressman Academy at Temple Beth Am and tutors both children and adults. No prior knowledge necessary. Fee: \$20 per class session. Special \$100 for all six sessions if paid advance.

I hope you can join in this wonderful opportunity.

**CONGREGATION KOL AMI IS PLEASED TO WELCOME**

**RABBI KINNERET SHIRYON  
ISRAEL'S FIRST FEMALE RABBI  
Friday, March 8, 2013 8:00 pm**

**"REFORM JUDAISM IN ISRAEL"**



Kinneret Shiryon received her Rabbinical Degree (1981) and Masters in Hebrew Literature from Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in New York and her Bachelor of Arts in Comparative Literature from the University of California, Berkeley.(1977) She has lived in Israel since 1983 and was the first woman to serve as the rabbi of a congregation in the history of the State.

She is the founder of Mercaz Kehillati YOZMA - The Progressive Jewish Community Center of Modi'in. The word YOZMA means initiative in Hebrew, it is also the initials for the words: Yahadut Zmaneinu, Moreshet Ha'Am - Judaism of Today, The Heritage of the People. The goal of the center is to empower Israelis to take initiative in defining their Jewish lives. YOZMA established very successful pre school and kindergarten programs and Rabbi Shiryon began tracks of informal Jewish education in the local elementary schools. YOZMA opened its formal elementary school in September 2006 and is proud of its 12 classes through the sixth grade. This year we are building our permanent Elementary School Building - the Ground Breaking will take place on the 8th of March- the very day I am speaking at Kol Ami. YOZMA provides meaningful and joyous religious services and is a dynamic spiritual center for Shabbat and holiday celebrations. YOZMA is also known for its cultural and family education programs and for its

**7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

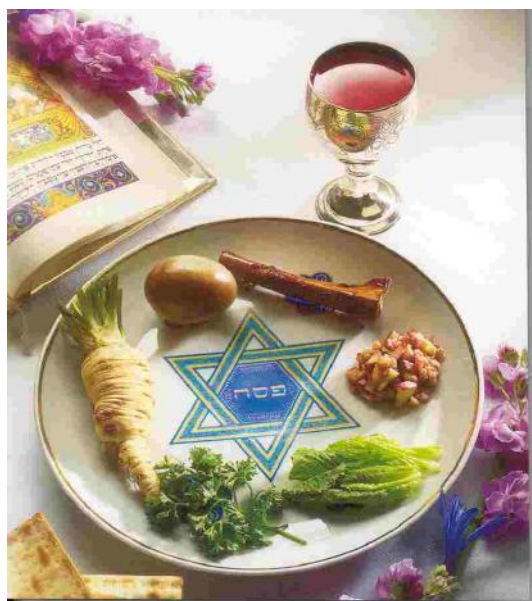
For more information, please contact  
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Bill Gallimore, GMCLA Gives Back  
at: [billgallimore@aol.com](mailto:billgallimore@aol.com).

We hope to see you there!

### Condolences

*Our condolences go out to Daniel Blatt  
on the loss of his uncle Jacob Lee  
Weiss.*

**SAVE THE DATE  
2ND NIGHT PASSOVER  
SEDER AT KOL AMI  
March 26, 2013 at 6:00 pm**



More details in the coming weeks

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

**Food Drive SOVA**

significant social action outreach programs.

Over the years Rabbi Shiryon, together with the support of her spouse Baruch Shiryon, has learned the art of juggling a rich and challenging career as a rabbi in Israel with raising four wonderful children: Ayelet, Erez, Inbar and Amichai. She is proud to be the grandmother of Ora.

Parshat Terumah  
Exodus 25:1 - 27:19  
Rabbi Denise L. Eger

And Let them make a Sanctuary...

This week we have buried a giant of Judaism. Rabbi David Hartman, z"l, died on Rosh Chodesh Adar and was buried in Jerusalem. Rabbi Hartman was my teacher and the founder of the Shalom Hartman Institute where I have been privileged to study over the last number of years. Rabbi Hartman was a firebrand! An Orthodox rabbi who was anything but orthodox in his thought and deeds. He challenged your mind and the status quo. He was passionate about learning and critical thinking. He was demanding of his students and often said provocative things to rile up the conversation. He demanded excellence. He was a force to be reckoned with.

Rabbi Hartman had made aliyah to Israel in 1971 with his wife and 5 children. He had been a pulpit rabbi in Montreal and the Bronx. He had attended Yeshiva University, been ordained a rabbi and had a Ph.D. in philosophy. He was a prolific writer including works of philosophy and theology such as his book about his teacher and philosopher, Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik; Hartman's own theology in "A Living Covenant" and two important works about the great philosopher and legalist, Maimonides. His latest books, "The God Who Hate Lies," and "From Defender to Critic: The Search for a New Jewish Self" show his own increasing impatience with the Orthodox status quo and its increasing hostility to change and innovation that Hartman found among the rabbis of the Talmud!

Perhaps some of Rabbi's Hartman's greatest gifts were his daring in creating an Institute that helped rabbis of all denominations become better rabbis, educators become better educators and creating a space for scholars to explore their learning by writing and research. Studying at his feet a Reform Rabbi like me was able to encounter an Orthodox colleague and share a page of Talmud together while he challenged us to think critically of our past and prepare for a Jewish future. The Shalom Hartman Institute is a special kind of sanctuary. It is a place of true learning and encounter with God and our tradition.

David Hartman loved rabbis. He loved rabbis of all sorts. But he had no time for rabbinic pomposities. Instead he tried to make Rabbi Akiva and Rabbi Tarfon as well as Rambam engage in a dialogue with each of his students. As a Reform Rabbi I always was amazed that Rabbi Hartman eventually adopted a position long held by our movement-whether it was his growing appreciation for the contributions of women to the tradition or his demand that all Jews matter and the chief rabbinate of Israel had it completely wrong to exclude Reform and Conservative Jews. Hartman was ortho-prax but Reform in his outlook as Judaism lived in the 21st century.



## SOVA is out of TUNA

**We are always in need of personal toiletries, but right now our priority is TUNA. Please pick up some TUNA 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, March 10, 2013  
8:30 AM - NOON**

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

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.

He was an ardent Zionist who loved Israel and understood that it like all nations are a work in progress. He conveyed that to us his students whether we were Jewish or of other faiths. Remarkably, Hartman encouraged not only intra-faith dialogue but interfaith dialogue in the land of Israel. Perhaps more common in North America but a rarity in Israel.

Philosophers and teachers are not usually institution builders. But Rabbi David Hartman did so and his son Rabbi Dr. Donniel Hartman leads and builds the institution his father began. The Shalom Hartman Institute is a special place of Jewish learning and life that has changed my rabbinate but more importantly changed me as a Jew. My learning there has deepened my own faith in these troubling times. It has made me a more ardent Zionist, even with Israel's challenges, successes and failures. My studies at the Machon have deepened my love for the experiment we call the Jewish Democratic State of Israel and allowed me the opportunity to see it in its fullness. My studies at the Machon have widened my circle of rabbinic colleagues and challenged me to think more openly about the idea that the Jewish people has always had many different kind of Jews. There are many voices and many paths through and to Torah. This is a message of my teacher Rabbi Hartman and the influence that he has had on so many. He built a unique kind of sanctuary, a place where regardless of denominational ties, we could be in concert with one another.

This week's Torah portion is Terumah in the book of Exodus. It describes the instructions for building the Tabernacle in the desert. God instructs Moses to tell the children of Israel to bring their gifts forward so they can build a sanctuary for God. The Torah portion outlines the many kind of gifts, gold and silver, yarn and fabrics that are the materials that will make up the Tent that will be the place of Divine dwelling. The sacrifices will be eventually be made there. The Ark of the Covenant which will be fashioned from all of the materials donated will hold the recently given Ten Commandments. And it is this exact space between the cherubim that God's presence will dwell and speak to Moses, Aaron and the Children of Israel.

This Tent of Meeting is in some ways like the Machon that Rabbi David Hartman built. It is a place to encounter God and our tradition. It is a place made up of the many gifts of its scholars and teachers and students. It is a place to have an encounter with the Divine Holy One through our texts and our colleagues and Eretz Yisrael. The Shalom Hartman Institute has become truly an Ohel Mo'ed-a Tent of Meeting, place to meet with teachers, Talmud and Torah and theology and a place where the disciples of Rabbi David Hartman gather to engage with each other. I am proud to be one of those students who is a disciple of Hartman- never satisfied with the status quo, ready to challenge any kind of orthodoxy even my own. May Rabbi David Hartman's memory and teachings continue to inspire us and may his work continue to be a blessing to us and to our world.

## MOKA Man of the Year

The Men of Kol Ami (MOKA) is pleased to name David Glickman the MOKA Man of the Year.



Judaism:

The Talmud teaches us, "He who takes one life it is as though he has destroyed the universe."

The loss of so many lives, including children, is not just devastating - it is unacceptable. We call on members of Congress, the President and people committed to the well-being of all Americans to find shared values on gun control measures that will help ensure the safety of us all.

For more information and to identify the appropriate recipient, please visit:

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

There is also a good sample letter here from the National Council of Jewish Women:

<https://secure3.convio.net/ncjw/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=1199>

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



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

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