

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

## Congregation Kol Ami E-Koleinu February 20, 2013 10 Adar 5773

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### Worship Services

Please join us for Shabbat Services  
Friday, February 22, 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

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## Calendar

### **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

### **Sunday, February 24, 2013**

9:30 Religious School and Family Purim Day

### **Wednesday, February 27, 2013**

3:00 PM Conversational Hebrew

7:00 PM Intro to Judaism



## 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)

## PLEASE JOIN US

KOL AMI

SECOND NIGHT OF  
PASSOVER SEDER

March 26, 2013 at 6:00 pm



Come join Rabbi Eger, Cantor Saltzman and Student Rabbi Weisman for our Passover Seder starting promptly at 6:00 pm.

## 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"**

There is limited seating so you must RSVP to the Kol Ami office at 323/606-0996 or

[staff@kol-ami.org](mailto:staff@kol-ami.org)

Members and guests \$75.00

Children under 13 \$40.00

### 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  
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**



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 rat 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 c 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 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.

**MOKA/WOKA event  
THERAPY**



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**  
**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!

### Condolences

*Our condolences go out to Johanna Schor on the loss of her cousin Jerry*

Please join us for

The World Premiere of...



Written and Directed by

**Jeff Bernhardt**

**A drama about three therapists and the patient who changes them.**

**Secret Rose Theatre**  
11246 Magnolia Blvd, North Hollywood, CA 91601

**March 17, 2013 at 2PM**

**\$20 per ticket**

To purchase tickets, please visit

<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/322663> or call 800 838-3006.

For group ticket discount, use promo code: KOLAMI

Followed by a nosh at a nearby restaurant

Co-Sponsored by the Men of Kol Ami (MOKA) and the Women of Kol Ami (WOKA)



## Religious School and Family Purim Day

February 24, 2013

9:30 am - 12:00 pm

## ADULT CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW CLASS



SPEAK HEBREW LIKE AN ISRAELI



Kol Ami is proud to offer a Conversational Hebrew class beginning Wednesday, February 6th at 3pm. Class will be for six 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 formerly on the staff of the Pressman Academy at Temple Beth Am and tutors both children and adults. No prior knowledge necessary.

Weiss.

Fee: \$20 per class session.

I hope you can join in this wonderful opportunity.

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

### Food Drive SOVA



### 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

Parshat Tezaveh  
Exodus 27:20-30:10  
Rabbi Denise L. Eger

This week's Torah portion, Tezaveh is noteworthy because Mose is not mentioned by name. His presence is there but it is curious that his name is not in the text. This is the very first time since Moses' birth that he has not been named in one of the Torah portions in Exodus! This week's portion deals with more details about the Mishkan in the desert in particular the great Golden Menorah and the oil needed for lighting it, the vestments of the High Priest and other sacred objects like, breastplate and the altar of the Tabernacle as well as the ordination ritual for the priesthood. Perhaps this is a clash between the Moses tradition and the Aaron tradition that Biblical scholars cite. The two schools of thought are that there has always been a battle between the leadership of Moses who is leader and teacher and prophet and that of Aaron who is speaker and priest. Yet this Torah portion specifically has to do with items that will be used and cared for by the priestly class and Aaron himself as the high priest thus Moses' absence by name

Our tradition teaches that Moses died on the 6th of Adar. We usually read this portion during that week. Our rabbis taught he was omitted from the Torah portion because he died during the week of reading this portion and just as he was now hidden from our lives he is hidden in this Torah portion.

This notion of "hiddenness" is a wonderful bridge to the holiday of Purim because when the sun goes down on Shabbat this Saturday night the holiday of Purim will begin! As Moses is absent from Tezaveh, God is absent from Megillat Esther! There is no mention of God's name in the Purim story as it reads from the Bible. And yet, our Sages taught that it is God's hidden presence that controls the outcome of the Purim story, saving the Jews from oblivion. The hidden presence is called "hester panim"-the hidden face of God. God isn't mentioned but clearly God must be behind the scenes. Perhaps even in the name of the heroine-Esther! She becomes the agent of God's saving grace-by uncovering the plot of Haman. That is part of the interesting ironies of Purim-on the one hand the plot is secret and then later revealed. Esther's Jewish heritage and identity is hidden and later revealed. Vashti got into trouble because she wouldn't reveal her body. Mordechai revealed a plot

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:


<http://www.jfsla.org/sova>

### **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

<http://rabbieger.wordpress.com>

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

 And friend her on Facebook!  
[www.facebook.com/denise.eger](http://www.facebook.com/denise.eger)

 Also don't forget to check into Kol Ami on Foursquare the next time you're at Temple! Check out our loyalty special!  
<http://4sq.com/IvoNnZ>

***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***

against the King. So hiddenness and revelation are themes that are woven throughout this holiday. That is why it is known as a holiday of masquerading because we hide our real identities behind masks and the challenge before us to reveal who we are! The answer is of course -people of faith, proud of our heritage, standing up to those who would do us harm as Mordechai and Esther did even when faced with death.

Would you stand up for your Jewishness? Your belief in one God?

In every generation there has arisen some who would try to rid the world of our people. But because of our ancestors who fought back and stood proud and kept our traditions of learning and observance we continue to thrive as the Jewish people. Whether it was a Haman, a Hitler or an Ahmadinajaab, I hope this Purim will inspire you to be proud of your Jewishness and that you won't remain a hidden Jew but reveal yourself and participate in Jewish life!

## **MOKA Man of the Year**

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

David is being honored not only for his service to MOKA in 2012 but for his overall commitment to Congregation Kol Ami since joining the temple. David has Chaired several of MOKA's homerun events in the past few years, including our first-ever Fam Day at the Skirball Museum which was open to Religious School families and all temple members. David consistently reaches out to familiar faces, as well as new ones, to make everyone feel welcome and comfortable. He has also shared his commitment, energy and enthusiasm by Chairing some of the Synagogue's most successful recent fundraisers.

Please join us as we officially honor David at the Men of Reform Judaism's Regional Man of the Year Dinner at Temple Beth David (Westminster, CA) on Saturday evening March 2, 2013. For more information please email: [MokaEvents@yahoo.com](mailto:MokaEvents@yahoo.com)

Mazel Tov, David!

Mike Silverman, Sherman Sylvan and Glenn Rosenblum  
MOKA Co-Chairs

**spiritual experience of Kol Ami at home.**

As a follow up to Rabbi Eger's sermon a couple of weeks ago, here are a couple of ways you can get involved regarding sensible gun control.

Ask your Members of Congress to advance sensible gun laws. You can e-mail your Members of Congress, or call them at the Capital Switchboard, 202.224.3121.

From the Religious Action Center of Reform 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>

## 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)

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