



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

Congregation Kol Ami E-Koleinu February 6, 2013 26 Shevat 5773

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Worship Services

Please join us for Shabbat Services
Friday, February 8, 2013 at 8:00 PM
Services will be led by Student Rabbi Greg Weisman and Songleader Jeremy Gimbel

Services are free, and everyone is welcome

MAZEL TOV

DENNIS BOGORAD

on his first blog published for the
Huffington Post

Read his personal story about prostate cancer and the lack of testing and role models in the LGBT community.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/dennis-bogorad/support-groups-prostate-cancer_b_2592522.html?utm_hp_ref=gay-voices

Planning for

SUCCESSFUL AGING

Sunday, February 10, 2013 10:15 AM - 12:00 PM
Congregation Kol Ami
1200 N. La Brea Avenue
West Hollywood, CA 90038

Free Parking

Calendar

Wednesday, February 6, 2013

3:00 PM Conversational Hebrew

7:00 PM Intro to Judaism

Friday, February 8, 2013

7:00 PM Community Shabbat at
Private residence

8:00 PM Shabbat Services with
Student Rabbi Weisman
and Jeremy Gimbel

Saturday, February 9, 2013

10:00 Torah Study

12:15 HIV Lunch

Sunday, February 10, 2013

8:30 SOVA

9:00 AM Religious School Family
Day

10:15 Grave Matters/Successful
Aging Panel Discussion

Refuah Schlemah

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Barbara Babchick, Jane Drucker, Darren Goldstein, Linnet Graves Broidy, Esther Rosenblum, Steve Sellery, Hillary Selvin, Lowell Selvin, Sharon Siegel, Bob Weiner



POT-LUCK SHABBAT DINNER with Rabbi Denise L. Eger

February 8th, 2013 7:00 PM

Please join us for a special outreach Shabbat dinner in the Valley.

We hope you can attend this unique Valley gathering! We will meet at the home of a Temple member for a Pot-Luck Shabbat dinner with Rabbi Eger.

Refreshments will be served

RSVPs appreciated

E-mail: staff@kol-ami.org

This free morning of honest dialogue will provide a roadmap to plan for healthy aging. A panel discussion will include:

- Jewish traditions surrounding sacred aging
- Having difficult conversations with parents and children
- The value of POLSTs
- Advanced Healthcare Directives
- Estate planning
- Medicare issues
- Advantages of pre-need cemetery/funeral plans and more...

There will be a panel discussion featuring:

Rabbi Denise L. Eger

Stuart Leviton - Attorney specializing in wills and trusts

Tara Eisner, PhD, CMC - Geriatrician with LivHome

Peter Mackler - a personal story

Fran Krimston - representing Hillside Memorial Park

Co-Sponsored by Hillside Memorial Park and Mortuary



For more information click here:

[Kol Ami/Hillside Successful Aging](#)



Religious School Family Day

February 10, 2013 9:00 AM to 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

RSVP is a MUST

There is limited space since we will be at the home of a Temple member.

Please contact **Debbie Futrowsky** at **310-210-7977** to reserve your space, discuss the potluck item you will be bringing and to obtain location.

No Pork or Shellfish Please!

Hope to see you there.

Please note: Student Rabbi Greg Weisman and Songleader Jeremy Gimbel 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

level! Amir has taught both children and adults for many years. He is formerly on the 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 in advance.

I hope you can join in this wonderful opportunity.



MAZEL TOV

INA FRANK
on receiving

INTERIM EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR
from The Third Sector Company

CALLING ALL PURIM SCHPIELERS

PURIM IS FEBRUARY 23, 2013

YES, ITS THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!!! THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO SHOW OFF YOUR ACTING AND SINGING SKILLS

This year's Purim Schpiel is:
LES MIZ-SHUGINAH GIRL:

A Classic Purim Tale of Love, Politics, and the Academy Awards!



Please contact Cantor Mark Saltzman for more information at cantor@kol-ami.org or (323)606-0996 ext. 105

Rehearsal schedule:

Tuesday, February 12, 2013 7:00 pm
Tuesday, February 21, 2013 7:00 pm
Saturday, February 23, 2013 2:00 pm

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 hjg1217@aol.com or
Bill Gallimore, GMCLA Gives Back
at: billgallimore@aol.com.

We hope to see you there!

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

Food Drive SOVA



High priority SOVA items are personal toiletries including lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, and razor blades. SOVA is almost out of these items! Please pick up something 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, February 10, 2013**

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Kol Ami's Almost Annual Membership Directory will resume publication in 2013. Please print, complete, and fax back the form to **323/606-0997**. [Membership Update Form 2013](#)

Parshat Mishpatim
Exodus 21:1-24:18
Rabbi Denise L. Eger

The love affair is sealed in this week's Torah portion Mishpatim.

This is the love affair between our God and the Israelites who are now at the foot of Mt. Sinai. Following the giving of the Ten Commandments in last week's portion, this week's parshat reveals more laws and statutes. The Ten Commandments are a beginning, core values if you will. And now God continues to expand upon the rules for living in a civilized society where the rule of law helps shape the foundation of the Jewish people.

This week's torah portion include laws about what to do about an ox that gores and who is responsible for the damages as well as reminders for the first time that we were once strangers in Egypt and that we have an obligation to treat foreigners with dignity. It discusses rules for owning slaves (a real irony since they had just left the cruelty of slavery) and also what happens when people fight with each other.

As slaves in Egypt the Hebrews were under the iron rule of the Pharaoh and his task masters. They didn't have the ability to own property because they were property. But now God has given them an operating manual for how to live in harmony with those around them. These rules, laws and statutes are the covenant between God and the Jewish people that is still very much alive today!

At the end of our torah portion God calls Moses and Aaron and the seventy elders of the people to a Divine encounter. It begins with a unique ceremony that has Moses and specially appointed priests offer sacrifices on specially built altars. Twelve pillars are erected representing the twelve tribes. Moses dashes the blood on the altar. Then he dashes blood on the people, binding their words of commitment to one another. "I am Adonai your God" and "The people answered in one voice, "We will do it"". This sacred commitment by God to the Israelites and the Israelites to God continues until our own time. You are a part of this eternal covenant.

And this covenant was sealed with a special meal. Moses and his brother, Aaron and the elders ate in the Heavenly abode. They sat with God at a special meal of celebration.

special!

<http://4sq.com/IvoNnZ>

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

There is also a good sample letter here from the National Council of Jewish Women:
<https://secure3.convio.net/nciw/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=1199>

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

Mazel Tov, David!

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

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.

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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