

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

Congregation Kol Ami E-Koleinu January 16, 2013 5 Shevat 5773

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Worship Services

Please join us for Shabbat Services this
Friday, January 18th at 8:00 PM
Services will be led by Rabbi Denise L. Eger and
Cantor Mark Saltzman

Services are free, and everyone is welcome!

Please join the Men of Kol Ami (MOKA) for:



at UCLA's Fowler Museum
followed by a delicious
Persian Lunch at Shamshiri Grill
1712 Westwood Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90024

Sunday, January 27, 2013, 12:00 pm
Museum admission is free.

Calendar

Wednesday, January 16, 2013

7:00 PM Introduction to Judaism Class

Thursday, January 17, 2013

12:00PM Lunch N Learn

Friday, January 18, 2013

8:00 PM Shabbat Services with Rabbi
Denise L. Eger and Cantor Mark
Saltzman

Sunday, January 20, 2013

MLK Holiday - No Religious School

Wednesday, January 23, 2013

7:00 PM Introduction to Judaism Class

Friday, January 25, 2013

8:00 PM Shabbat Services with Rabbi
Denise L. Eger and Cantor Mark
Saltzman

Sunday, January 27, 2013

9:30 AM Religious School

Refuah Schlemah

Please keep the following people
in your prayers.

Barbara Babchick, Jane
Drucker, Wendy Goldman, Darren
Goldstein, Linnet Graves Broidy,
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

Parking and lunch are self-pay.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, January 22, 2013 to
MokaEvents@yahoo.com
so that we can make appropriate lunch reservations.

SUCCESSFUL AGING

SAVE THE DATE!!

Sunday, February 10, 2013 10:15 AM

You are cordially invited to attend this informative program.
Panelists from Kol Ami will include Rabbi Denise L. Eger,
Stuart Leviton, Tara Eisner, and Peter Mackler.
Fran Krimston will be representing Hillside Memorial Park.
Watch for more details.
Co-Sponsored by Hillside Memorial Park and Mortuary.

Downtown Lunch 'N Learn

Thursday, January 17, 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:
Grunsfeld, Desiderio et al.
707 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 4150
Los Angeles, CA

Lunch and drinks provided.
(No Fee)

MAZEL TOV

TO RICHARD ROSS AND NATTAWAT UOOPPANAN

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.

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!

See you there!

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

on the opening of their new Encino Heaven Massage.

Rabbi Eger helped them hang a mezzuzah on this 2nd store at 17301 Ventura Blvd. in Encino. The first Heaven Massage is in Sherman Oaks.



**No Religious
school this
Sunday
in honor of the MLK
holiday**

Classes resume on January
27, 2013
at 9:30 AM

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

**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
Acadamy Awards!!!



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

Rehearsal schedule:



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, JANUARY 31, 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

Tuesday, February 12, 2013 7:00 pm
Tuesday, February 19, 2013 7:00 pm

Are you curious about Judaism?
Would you or your partner like to know the basic traditions and customs of the Jewish people?

Let us teach you from the perspective of Reform Judaism.

The URJ's 18-week Introduction to Judaism course provides an entry point for people of all backgrounds to participate more comfortably in Jewish life.

Enroll for the course at Congregation Kol Ami starting on January 16, 2013.

The course satisfies the basic educational requirement for conversion to Judaism.

For more information, click [HERE](#) or e-mail Intro Director Rabbi Sabine Meyer, smeyer@urj.org



Parshat Bo
Exodus 10:1 - 13:16
Rabbi Denise L. Eger



When was the last time you checked your mezzuzah on your doorpost?

Twice in seven years you are supposed to take your mezzuzah down and check that the claf, the parchment inside, is still readable. Traditionally we take them to a sofer, a scribe to check whether the letters are cracked or the parchment readable. Some scribes also scan the parchment

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, January 13th
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 if you are interested

inside as recently there has been fraud in the parchment business! Some parchment has been identical in the handwriting meaning that it was photocopied on to parchment rather than hand inscribed. A mezzuzah is supposed to have a parchment that has the Shema and V'ahavta written on it on one side and one of the names of God on the other, Shadai.

The verses written on the mezzuzah parchment are Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and 11:13-21, are:

Hear, O Israel, Adonai is our God, Adonai is One.

You shall love Adonai your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you today shall be upon your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and you shall speak of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the way, when you lie down and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be for a reminder between your eyes. And you shall write them upon the doorposts of your house and upon your gates.

And it will be, if you will diligently obey My commandments which I enjoin upon you this day, to love Adonai your God and to serve God with all your heart and with all your soul, I will give rain for your land at the proper time, the early rain and the late rain, and you will gather in your grain, your wine and your oil. And I will give grass in your fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be sated. Take care lest your heart be lured away, and you turn astray and worship alien gods and bow down to them. For then Adonai's wrath will flare up against you, and God will close the heavens so that there will be no rain and the earth will not yield its produce, and you will swiftly perish from the good land which Adonai gives you. Therefore, place these words of Mine upon your heart and upon your soul, and bind them for a sign on your hand, and they shall be a reminder between your eyes. You shall teach them to your children, to speak of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road, when you lie down and when

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:


<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

 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>

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

you rise. And you shall inscribe them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates-so that your days and the days of your children may be prolonged on the land which the Adonai swore to your ancestors to give to them for as long as the heavens are above the earth.

The mezzuzah is hung at an angle facing with the top inward on the right hand side as you enter. Some place mezzuzot on every doorway, gate and arch in a home except for the bathrooms or closets. It is generally hung at the bottom of the top third of the doorway.

The name of God, Shadai that appears on the other side of the parchment can mean, God Almighty, but can also be understood as an abbreviation for "Guardian of the doorways of Israel- Shomer delatot Yisrael".

The symbol of the mezzuzah comes from this week's Torah portion Bo. The last three plagues descend upon Egypt because of the Pharaoh's reluctance and intransience in granting freedom to the Israelites. In preparation for the final plague, the killing of the Egyptian first born sons (which is a reminder of the decree made by Pharaoh to kill all of the male Hebrew children at birth), the Hebrews are warned to place the blood of the Passover offering over the doorposts of their house to ward off this plague and God would pass over the houses of the Israelites. Hence the holiday's name of Passover!

Our custom of affixing a mezzuzah to our homes is taken from there and has been developed throughout the centuries as a blessing and prayer and dedication of our homes to our Jewish way of life. Affixing a mezzuzah is part amulet of Divine protection, part proclamation of our Jewish identity, part a reminder of our Jewish values and ethics both at home and when we go on our way, a reminder of the Oneness of God and that the abundance that we reap in the world comes from our continued faith in the goodness of God. And when we shut out God from our lives and our children's lives and when we turn to other gods and idols then we experience a spiritual drought that is deadly.

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 Family 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 ticket information and to RSVP, please email MokaEvents@yahoo.com by February 1, 2013.

Mazel Tov, David!

Mike Silverman, Sherman Sylvan
and Glenn Rosenblum
M O K A Co-Chairs

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

So this week, check your mezzuzah. Make sure the parchment is in shape. And if you don't have a mezzuzah on your door, go out and get one and bring a measure of spirituality to your home and your life. It will enrich your home and bring blessing upon it.

Shalom

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.

THEY STILL NEED OUR HELP!

URJ Hurricane Relief Fund



The URJ has set up a Hurricane Relief Fund to aid congregations affected by Hurricane Sandy.

With your support the URJ will provide relief to congregations, families and communities, just as they have done for victims of natural disasters around the world. Together we can provide hope and help to those in need.

Please click HERE to make a donation!



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

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 MAY 3rd-5th, 2013 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!

For more information contact Joel Charnick at:
joel@shalominstitute.com or 818.889.5500 ext. 106

Registration Opens Oct. 15! Go to: www.shalominstitute.com

Shalom Institute
34342 Mulholland Hwy
Malibu, CA 90265

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