

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

Congregation Kol Ami E-Koleinu January 23, 2013 12 Shevat 5773

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Worship Services

Please join us for a Special Shabbat Shira Music Service this Friday, January 25th 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 23, 2013
7:00 PM Introduction to Judaism Class

Friday, January 25, 2013

8:00 PM Shabbat Shira Music Service
with Rabbi Denise L. Eger and Cantor
Mark Saltzman

Sunday, January 27, 2013

9:30 AM Religious School
12:00 PM MOKA Light and Shadows

Wednesday, January 30, 2013

7:00 PM Introduction to Judaism Class

Thursday, January 31, 2013

7:00 PM Game Night at Triangle Square

Friday, February 1, 2013

6:45 PM Family Shabbat Services with
Student Rabbi Greg Weisman

Refuah Schlemah

Please keep the following people in your
prayers.

Barbara Babchick, Jane Drucker, 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

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

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.

**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
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

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

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,**



resumes this Sunday

January 27, 2013 at 9:30 AM

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 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!

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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!!!

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 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**



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 19, 2013 7:00 pm

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](#)

Parshat Beshalach
 Exodus 13:17-17:16
 Rabbi Denise L. Eger

Miracles abound! This week's Torah portion Parsha Beshalach is filled with miracles. Not only are the Children of Israel finally on their way toward freedom, God parts the sea for them, finishes Pharaoh and his army, and ensures the survival of the Israelites! Yes indeed miracles abound. The army of the Pharaoh is no match for God's strength and power over the natural forces of the sea!

Time and again the message of our Torah is a message of hope for those who do not possess power or wealth. God's Divine Presence is the strength that we need to overcome tyranny. The weak come to challenge the strong, especially if they pervert the Divine attributes of Justice and Truth and Compassion. Time and again in the history of the Jewish people this is the motif, whether it is the Israelites facing the threat of the Egyptian army or the Maccabees against the Syrian-Greek army. Even in our own day and time Hitler is gone but the Jewish people have survived where the Nazis have not. Time and again when we place our faith in our common belief of One Uniting Divine God that we speak of in our Sh'ma prayer then the Jewish people can

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 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>

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!

be a force for good in our individual lives and in the life of the world.

We have celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's birthday. He understood this notion; "We know through painful experience that freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed. That is why Moses' words, "Let my people go," has such resonance to this day.

And the miracles of this week's Torah portion, the miracle of the sea, the miracle of manna given in the desert to feed the body are to help the oppressed stand taller and bolster their faith and nourish them. These miracles are meant as a sign of God's Presence in their lives. Sometimes it is hard to see miracles in our own lives today. Miracles abound but we are often too jaded, too faith-less to let our souls see them. Our bodies may be nourished but our souls are starving.

God provided for the Israelites in the wilderness. Manna came six days out of seven to feed the bodies of the Israelites. But on the seventh day no manna fell. Instead, the Israelites received a double portion to last through Shabbat. Manna sustained our bodies in the wilderness but Shabbat sustained our souls through the millennia. Shabbat allows those of us who are oppressed to see our humanity and allows us to imagine a different kind world where we live with the dignity of those with power and wealth and leisure.

So grant to yourself what God granted you so long ago, the freedom found in the crossing of the Yam Suf-the Sea of Reeds. The miracle of manna in the desert that this week's Torah portion describes in such detail. Grant yourself a Shabbat to refresh your soul and your spirit. The miracle of Shabbat that will nourish your spirit, your faith and your dignity. The miracle of Shabbat that will help your souls see the many miracles that abound still in our day and time.

Shalom



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

As a follow up to Rabbi Eger's sermon last Shabbat, 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/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 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

Shalom Institute
34342 Mulholland Hwy
Malibu, CA 90265

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

REGISTER AT: www.shalominstitute.com

MOKA Man of the Year

The Men of Kol Ami (MOKA) is pleased to name David Glickma 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 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 RSVP, please email:


MokaEvents@yahoo.com by February 1, 2013.

Mazel Tov, David!

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

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>

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