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of Prayer For All People."*

Congregation Kol Ami E-Koleinu January 2, 2013 20 Tevet 5773

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Calendar

Friday, January 4

6:45 PM Family Shabbat Services with
Rabbi Denise L. Eger and Student Rabbi
Greg Weisman

Worship Services

Please join us for Shabbat Services this
Friday, January 4th at 6:45.
Services will be led by Rabbi Denise L. Eger and
Student Rabbi Greg Weisman

Receive your Hebrew name

This Shabbat we read the Torah portion Shemot
(Names). Anyone who does not have a Hebrew name is
invited to receive one during our evening service.
Whether you are two or ninety-two, it's not too late
to be given a Hebrew name.

Services are free, and everyone is welcome!

JEREMY GIMBEL IS BACK!



Friday, January 11, 2012 8:00 PM

**IMPORTANT REMINDER
RSVP BY JANUARY 10, 2013**

Sunday, January 6
9:30 AM Religious School

Tuesday, January 8
7:00 PM Ritual Committee Meeting

Friday, January 11
8:00 PM Shabbat Services with Rabbi
Denise L. Eger and Jeremy Gimbel

Saturday January 12
10:00 AM Torah Study
12:15 HIV Shabbat Lunch

Sunday, January 13
9:30 AM Religious School

Wednesday, January 16
7:00 PM Introduction to Judaism Class



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REMINDER

Classes resume on
Sunday, January 6th
2013 at 9:30 am.

Refuah Schlemah

Please keep the following people
in your prayers.

Barbara Babchick, Wendy
Goldman, Darren Goldstein,
Linnet Graves Broidy,
Hillary Selvin, Lowell Selvin,
Sharon Siegel, Bob Weiner

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GAME NIGHT AT TRIANGLE

In order to allow for proper security checks, you will receive an attendance confirmation prior to the event. Please note that seating for the event is unreserved, so plan to arrive early.



Israel Update with Ambassador Oren January 15, 2013



On behalf of the Consulate General of Israel in Los Angeles and The Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles, we cordially invite you to join us when Michael B. Oren, Ambassador of Israel to the United States, addresses our community on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at the Saban Theatre. Ambassador Oren will discuss the evolving realities Israel faces in the region.

This invitation is non-transferable and each individual in your household must RSVP online. In order to secure your attendance, **you must RSVP online by January 10th and enter the code "OrenKA" at: <http://www.jewishla.org/page/s/michael-oren-event>**

Who: The Consulate General of Israel and The Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles

What: Update on Israel with Ambassador Michael B. Oren

When: Tuesday, January 15, 2013; Security line opens at 6:00 p.m.; Program begins at 7:00 p.m.

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,
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!

Where: The Saban Theatre (formerly The Wilshire Theatre), 8440 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, 90211

For security purposes, you must RSVP online to attend. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

We are grateful to Rabbi David Baron and the Temple of the Arts for hosting this evening.

A dynamic speaker and an American-born Israeli historian, author, and diplomat, Ambassador Oren was named by The Forward and the The Jerusalem Post as one of the world's most influential Jews. Don't miss this opportunity to come together as a diverse and concerned Jewish community to hear the unique perspective of a leader who is a key player in the future of the Jewish state.

Thank you for joining us at this important evening for our community and Israel. I look forward to seeing you there.

David Siegel
Consul General of Israel in Los Angeles

Richard V. Sandler
Chairman of the Board
The Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles

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

**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
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



Parshat Shemot
Exodus 1:1 - 6:1
Rabbi Denise L. Eger

What's in a name? Everything apparently. This week's Torah portion Shemot, begins a new book of the Torah, the book of Exodus. But interestingly the Hebrew name of this Torah portion also gives this book its Hebrew name. And the word shemot in Hebrew means just that "names". If we examine this week's Torah portion closely, we see that this idea of names runs throughout the parasha. The portion begins with a list of names of those who came down to Egypt during Joseph's time. Its opening paragraph is essentially a list of his brothers names as head of their respective tribes and their families.

And then an unnamed Pharaoh arose who didn't know Joseph. To know someone's name is to have a special relationship with them. It is thought in the Biblical literature to have some kind of power involvement with them. And so to have a Pharaoh who "knew not Joseph" not only shows the passage of time but the protection of the hebrews was gone. We don't really know which Pharaoh arose - we don't know if it was Ramses, Amenhotep II, or Thutmose III or others but an unnamed Pharaoh.

But we do have the names of two extraordinary women, Shifra and Puah, midwives, who stood up to this unnamed Pharaoh and refused to kill the Hebrew male children at birth thus allowing for the baby who would lead the Israelites to the Promised land to survive.

As the story of Moses begins everyone is unnamed in this part of the Torah portion. We only know the tribal affiliation

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>


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.

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:

of Moses. His parents in chapter two are unnamed, "a certain man of the house of Levi" (2:1). We have an unnamed sister who saves the unnamed male child and an unnamed daughter of Pharaoh who rescues the unnamed child from the river Nile.


And ironically it is not his parents who name him but this unnamed daughter of Pharaoh (who the rabbis would name Batya, daughter of God, that names the baby rescued from a basket floating in the River Nile. She no doubt knew it was a Hebrew baby, and when the baby's unnamed sister arranges to have the baby raised by a wet nurse that just happens to be the unnamed birth mother of the baby. Well you know the rest of the story!

Moses gets his name from this unnamed Pharaoh's daughter who adopted him when he grew up. She protected his birth family and then named him at this time-- Moses.


The biblical explanation of this name is "I drew him out of the water." It is highly unlikely that an Egyptian princess knew Hebrew and the Hebrew would make it "he drew out". In Egypt the word "Mose" was an attachment to many Pharaonic names meaning "son of or born of" and then usually attached to a god's name such as Thutmoses-- meaning son of or born of the Egyptian god, Thuot. And so our Moses is the son or child of an unnamed god which makes perfect sense because we Jews do indeed have an unnamed, unpronounceable, name for our God. We use a four Hebrew letter name made up of vowels that that we do not pronounce.

And Moses is introduced to this God in this week's Torah portion as well. God speaks to Moses at the burning bush, calling him into leadership to take the Israelites to freedom from their slavery. When Moses asks the voice coming from the burning bush its name, the answer is, "Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh" which translates, I will be that which I will be." And Moses is to tell the Israelites, "Ehyeh sent me to you" (3:14). That would translate as "I am" or I will be". Again a God we can hear but not see and not with a proper name.

<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 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

So it is fitting that this week's Torah portion is all about what is named and who is not named.

And so we reflect on the power of naming and on our own names and what they mean and how we act in the world.

Shalom

Rabbi Denise L. Eger

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.**

CALLING ALL PURIM SHPIELERS !!
PURIM IS FEBRUARY 23, 2013

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

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

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

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

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.

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