

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

## Congregation Kol Ami E-Koleinu January 30, 2013 19 Shevat 5773

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### Worship Services

Please join us for Family Shabbat Services  
this Friday, February 1, 2013 at 6:45 PM  
Services will be led by Student Rabbi Greg  
Weisman

Services are free, and everyone is welcome!

### We give thanks to the following people who made donations during the month of January:

#### Chanukkah Fund

Shamash Candle of Peace

-Barry and Karen Mason

#### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

-Alex Glickman in memory of her mother, Madeline Kassab

-Henry Schaumberg, Cary Fetman, Mark Ravesloot in honor of Hon.  
Harvey Silberman;

-Richard Ross and Nattawat Uooppnan in honor of the opening of  
their second store, Heaven Massage in Encino, and the Rabbi  
affixing the Mezzuzah

#### Cantor's Discretionary Fund

-Ronald Frank in memory of his father, Harold W. Grossman

#### General Fund

-Ina Frank

-Robert Steinman Charitable Foundation in honor of Rabbi Eger

-Joan and Jules Selvin, a healing prayer for their friend Jim  
Sharkey

#### Tzedakah

-Alan Weisbart and Alesha Hughes

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## Calendar

### **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

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## 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

-Philip Lelyveld in honor of his mother, Addie Lelyveld's 90th birthday

### **Seder Donation**

-Richard Frank in memory of his parents, Leonard and Patricia Frank

### **Yahrzeit Fund**

-Paul Fredrix in memory of his mother Adrienne Feher Fredrix

-Jack Levin in memory of his mother Bessie Levin Kruger

-Jack Levin in memory of his father Abraham Levin

-Jodi and Sherry Price in memory of Jodi's uncle Howard Harnik

-Mark Freedman and Glenn Rosenblum in memory of Mark's nephew, Matthew Richard Sonken

-Philip Lelyveld in memory of his cousin, Adelaide Brinley

-Cantor Mark Saltzman and Walter Hubert in memory of Mark's Grandfather, Albert Haas; Grandmother, Ruth Haas, and friend, Stephen Merkel

## On the Town

In the past month Rabbi Eger has participated in the following activities:

- Attended the annual Pacific Association of Reform Rabbis conference where I moderated a session of Q and A with Rabbi Rich Jacobs, President of the Union of Reform Judaism
- Attended a private Rabbinic meeting with Ambassador Michael Oren, Israel's ambassador to the United States
- Worked with the Israel Consul General to create a Rabbinic Israel Task Force
- Was quoted in an article in the Jewish Journal about the threat to the Board of Rabbis of Southern California of being closed down
- Attended a Board of Rabbis meeting
- Gave a talk at the LA County Sheriff's Annual Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

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

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

## 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

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

February 3, 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.

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](mailto:hjg1217@aol.com) or Bill Gallimore, GMCLA Gives Back at: [billgallimore@aol.com](mailto: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.**



**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](mailto: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

**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](#)

**Kol Ami will be meeting at  
SOVA the 2nd  
Sunday of each month.**

**Please join us.**

**NEXT DATE:  
Sunday, February 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 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***

Parshat Yitro  
Exodus 18:1 - 20:23  
Rabbi Denise L. Eger

The centerpiece of this week's torah portion, Yitro, is the giving of the Ten Commandments at Mt. Sinai. The Pact between God and the Israelites is delivered in the wilderness only a short 50 days after leaving Egypt. The Hebrew slaves have barely had a moment to catch their breath. They have trekked far into the wilderness, witness the Ten Plagues and the parting of the Yam Suf. They have eaten manna and quail provided by God and fought the Amalakites along the way. Now they stand at the foot of Mount Sinai, poised, waiting while Moses climbs the mountain and encounters God.

But even before the Ten Commandments are given, there are preparations that God instructs Moses to tell to the Israelites.

God begins to lay out to Moses the structure of the relationship between the Israelites and God. "So shall you say to the House of Jacob and tell to the Children of Israel, "You have seen what I did to Egypt and that I have borne you on the wings of eagles and brought you to Me." (Ex. 19:34). God continues, "You shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." (Ex.19:5).

Moses comes back down the mountain and gathers everyone together, the elders, chieftains and the people and relates the words of God. Here is a group of slaves, of oppressed people, who barely escaped Egypt (albeit with miracles) running for their lives and now they are being told they will be priests and a beloved treasure by God! Wow! The children of Israel come from the bottom of society to the top. In Egypt the only social class that was higher than the Priests were the royalty-the Pharaoh himself who was God. Now this group of slaves is being uplifted in one fell swoop!

When told this promise, the beginning of the Covenant with God, the children of Israel grabbed the offer. "Everything God has said we will do it" (Ex. 19:8).

The Children of Israel accepted with gusto this new status.

The relationship between God and the Jewish people is

**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.

**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

cemented through this process. The covenant is created and the Ten Commandments are the terms. This covenant however is one of service! This group of slaves that had built garrison cities in Egypt will now build a different kind of fortress. The covenant between God and the people Israel is built on service to higher purposes, speaking the truth, treating are fellow human beings with care and concern. The holy nation will be holy because of the way they act toward one another and their faithfulness to God! Not because they are the most armed or wealthiest or most powerful. They will be a kingdom of priests because their covenant will serve God and their fellow human beings.

This is the heart of the Ten Commandments. These are our rules for living in touch with God and with humanity.

Perhaps it's time we all imagined we were at Sinai and to that offer again!

Shalom

**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 amphitheatres, 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](mailto:joel@shalominstitute.com) or 818.889.5500 ext. 106

Registration Opens Oct. 15! Go to: [www.shalominstitute.com](http://www.shalominstitute.com)

Shalom Institute  
34342 Mulholland Hwy  
Malibu, CA 90265

REGISTER AT: [www.shalominstitute.com](http://www.shalominstitute.com)

**Rabbi Eger Online!**

Did you know Rabbi Eger not only keeps up her Torah blog on

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](mailto:MokaEvents@yahoo.com) by February 1, 2013.

Mazel Tov, David!

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

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](https://twitter.com/deniseeger) or follow Kol Ami [@KolAmiLA](https://twitter.com/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>

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>

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