



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

Congregation Kol Ami E-Koleinu January 9, 2013 27 Tevet 5773

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Calendar

Wednesday, January 9

7:00 PM Board of Trustees Meeting

Worship Services

Please join us for Shabbat Services this
Friday, January 11th at 8:00 PM
Services will be led by Rabbi Denise L. Eger and
Guest Songleader Jeremy Gimbel

Services are free, and everyone is welcome!

JEREMY GIMBEL IS BACK!



Friday, January 11, 2012 8:00 PM

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.

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

Friday, January 18

8:00 PM Shabbat Services with Rabbi Denise L. Eger



Religious school now in session

9:30 AM

Sunday, January 13th 2013

Refuah Schlemah

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Barbara Babchick, 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

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

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

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

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.

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.

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

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

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

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
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

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 Va'eira
Exodus 6:3- 9:5
Rabbi Denise L. Eger

The challenge begins! Moses and Aaron begin to challenge the authority of Pharaoh and demand the freedom of the Israelites from Egyptian slavery. God has called Moses into leadership even though he humbly demurs because of a speech impediment. Here the great leader of the Israelites to the Promised Land, who demands justice and who is God's messenger to Pharaoh cannot really speak well. Moses doesn't want to go before Pharaoh and his brother, Aaron is appointed to be his spokesman!

What an amazing biblical picture. Moses is flawed. We know from last week's parasha he is a man who let his passions take hold of him when he murdered an Egyptian taskmaster and had to flee. And now we learn that Moses who speaks throughout his life with God cannot speak easily with people. And yet God will require Moses to go head to head against the Egyptian Court headed by the Pharaoh an incarnation of the Divine, a picture of Egyptian perfection!

This is but the one of the many instances of Moses' humanity. His brother Aaron will be alongside him speaking with and for him. His own entourage if you will.

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 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

And together they go before the great Pharaoh warning him and his courtiers to let the Israelites go free or to experience the great power of the One God, YHVH!

This week's portion describes the first seven of the plagues that affect Egypt: the Nile River turns to blood; frogs invade the land; lice, insects, pestilence, darkness, and fiery hail. The first seven plagues descend upon the Pharaoh and Egypt to convince the Pharaoh to let the Israelites go free. And each time Pharaoh hardens his heart to the plea of Moses and Aaron and to God's power to defeat the Egyptian pantheon. Our rabbis debate whether these plagues upon Egypt were to convince the Egyptians and Pharaoh or the Israelites of God's miraculous power. Perhaps a little of both to turn the perceived power structure on its head.


Where else could a nation of slaves become a treasured people but in the Torah the Israelites do so. Where else could a man slow of speech become the spokesman for a nation and God! In the Torah Moses is that man. Where else could a plagues that descended upon Egypt by God also one by one addressed the Egyptian gods and goddess to show that their idol worship was just that-no where else but in the Torah!

The lesson for us today is that we Jews stand opposite to the larger culture holding on to our values and teaching while striving to challenge the idol worship of our own time; the worship of money and power. That although a small people among the population of the globe we must speak up and make our voices heard to ring to lift up the fallen and to bring freedom the captives. And when others seek to make themselves God we Jews are reminded that God, Source of the Universe ties humanity together and makes us all in the image of God.


Shalom

If you are unable to make it to Services and would still like to join us for worship, NOW YOU CAN!


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 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

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!

Its Time to Bring in Your Tzedakah Cans!



Please bring in your cans for donation, and don't forget to pick up a

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

new one while you're here.

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