



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

## Congregation Kol Ami E Koleinu

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#### **Refuah Schlemah**

Please keep the following people in your prayers:  
Lowell Selvin, Milton Singer, Bob Weiner,

#### **Worship Services**

Please join us for Shabbat Services  
Friday, April 26, 2013 at 8:00 pm.  
Services will be led by Rabbi Denise Eger and  
Songleader Jeremy Gimbel

Services are free and everyone is welcome



#### **Religious School**

### **Sunday, April 28, 2013**

### **at 9:30 am**

**Parents:** Please plan to stay for a brief discussion about next year's Religious School program

#### **TONIGHT**

#### **MEET THE CANDIDATES**

**Kol Ami is co-sponsoring a Mayoral Candidates Forum**  
**April 24, 2013 at 7:30 pm**  
**NCJW/LA Council House**  
details below

Cathee Weiss

## 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 play games, socialize, and have fun with different generations in our community.

We will meet the last Thursday of each month 7:00 - 9:00pm. 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



With  
**Eric Garcetti**  
Council Member, 13<sup>th</sup> District  
and  
**Wendy Greuel**  
City Controller

**Moderator:** Dave Bryan, Political Reporter, CBS2/KCAL9-TV

**Wednesday, April 24, 2013**  
7:30pm - 9:30pm  
Doors open at 7:30pm, program starts promptly at 7:45pm  
**NCJW/LA Council House**  
543 N. Fairfax Avenue, Los Angeles 90036  
Refreshments served.

**RSVP to Ruth Williams at 323-852-8503 or [ruth@ncjwla.org](mailto:ruth@ncjwla.org)**

Co-sponsored by:

**RSVP to Ruth Williams at 323/852-8501 or [ruth@ncjwla.org](mailto:ruth@ncjwla.org)**

## Calendar

### **Wednesday, April 24, 2013**

7:00 pm - Intro to Judaism Class  
6:30 pm - Board of Trustees Meeting  
7:30 pm - Mayoral Forum at NCJW/LA Council House

### **Thursday, April 25, 2013**

7:00 pm Game night at Triangle Square

### **Friday, April 26, 2013**

8:00 pm Shabbat Services with Rabbi Eger and Jeremy Gimbel

### **Sunday, April 28, 2013**

9:30 am Religious school  
1:30 pm Lobby Dedication to Murray Adelman

### **Wednesday, May 1, 2013**

7:00 pm Intro to Judaism Class

### **Friday, May 3, 2013**

time doing so!

**Your next  
opportunity to  
participate is  
THURSDAY,  
April 25, 2013  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

For more information,  
please contact Kol  
Ami member Howard  
Goldin  
at [hig1217@aol.com](mailto:hig1217@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  
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**Food Drive  
SOVA**

**HELP US REFILL  
OUR BARRELS**



**SOVA is out of  
TUNA  
and  
MACARONI &**

6:45 pm Family Shabbat Services with Rabbi Eger and Student Rabbi Greg Weisman

**Sunday, May 5, 2013**  
9:00 am Religious School Family Day



**MAZEL TOV  
on your wedding**

**JEFFREY STEVENS AND ERIC FINKELSTEIN**

**KOL AMI SHAVUOT CELEBRATION AND  
YIZKOR SERVICE**



Each year, Shavuot falls at the conclusion of the counting of the Omer, marking the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai

Please join Rabbi Eger, Cantor Saltzman, and Student Rabbi Greg Weisman

**Tuesday, May 14, 2013**  
Study Session 7:00 pm  
Service 9:00 pm

You are also invited to Temple Israel of Hollywood for a Yizkor Service on May 15, 2013 at 8:00 am  
7300 Hollywood Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90046

Parshat Emor

## CHEESE

**We are always in need of personal toiletries, but right now our priority is TUNA, and mac & cheese. Please pick up some TUNA and mac & cheese 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, May 12, 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

Leviticus 21:1-23:4

Rabbi Denise L. Eger

Our Torah portion is well known as the home of the holidays. The Biblical holidays are described in this week's Torah portion. Shabbat, Passover, Counting the Omer toward Shavuot, Yom Terurah (Rosh Hashanah), Yom Kippur and Sukkot are each highlighted in a passage or two in this week's portion. Although our Jewish calendar still has these holidays as part of our year, the ways in which we observe these holy days have changed, especially since the Temple was destroyed.

This shows that our Jewish life evolves over time. For example, in Parshat Emor we learn of the day of sounding of the horn. This is Yom Terurah when we sound the shofar. Today this is a part of our New Year's or Rosh Hashanah celebration. But in biblical times the New Year was at Passover! The calendar changed a bit during our exile in Babylonia and our encounters there as well as changes in our own time!

Our traditions have changed over time and centuries. The "Judaism" of the Bible or more practically of Leviticus is not Judaism at all but ancient Israelite cultic religion. Their worship centered around the Tabernacle and then later the Temple practices go through many changes. Even as King Solomon built the first Temple, traditions evolved. And certainly after the destruction of the first Temple by the Babylonians and our exile in Babylonia we must ask how did our people celebrate their holy days and worship God for the 40 years of exile?

They had no Temple. No holy place. No place to offer sacrifices. And yet they endured. Did they offer sacrifices? Did they pray? Was this the beginning of places of gathering and study, the fore runner of the synagogue?

Similarly when the Second Temple was destroyed by the Romans, we know that Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai and small group of his students fled to Yavneh and there established a new order. This would become Rabbinic Judaism that set the tone for the Judaism of today. But throughout Jewish history our people have undergone transformations of practice and observances all the while tracing them back in part to the holiday cycle we read about this week. This leads us to ask ourselves as Jewish life and our lives evolve how will we contribute to the evolutionary changes in celebrating Jewish holidays? In what ways can we take our ancient roots and make them relevant to today and tomorrow? How will you mark the holidays and give life to our sacred calendar?

We are presently in the period of time between Passover and Shavuot. We are to be daily counting the omer, marking off the

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:

[jfsla.org/sova](http://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.

***If you are unable to make it to Services and***

days, 7 days of 7 weeks. This is a period of reflection and introspection and anticipation as we prepare to receive the Torah at Mt. Sinai. And although we will recall the events described by our Torah our holiday helps us re-live that moment.

Please observe with us and add your imagination and creativity to celebrating the cycle of the Jewish year. Join me on May 14 in the evening for a Shavuot celebration and on May 15 in the morning for Yizkor! Then you too will live out the rhythm of the ancient calendar in Parshat Emor but do so with a contemporary twist.

Congregation Kol Ami invites you to a **SILVER CELEBRATION**  
 Rabbi Denise Eger's  
 25 Years as a Rabbi

**SAVE THE DATE**  
 6.15.13

*Invitation to Follow*

For more information, or to get involved, contact Steve Tyler, Event Producer  
 (323) 467-1600 • [LuckyAct@aol.com](mailto:LuckyAct@aol.com)

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