

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

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Worship Services

Please join us for Shabbat Services
Friday, March 15, 2013 at 8:00 pm
Services will be led by Rabbi Denise L. Eger
and Cantor Mark Saltzman

Services are free, and everyone is welcome.

BREAKTHROUGH 2 LOVE Friday, March 15, 2013

Please join us for an enlightening and educational sermon by Rabbi Eleanor Steinman, Executive Director of California Faith for Equality. Rabbi Steinman will be speaking on Preparing for the Supreme Court Hearing on Prop 8 and DOMA.

There are many queer people who are deeply religious and actively involved in their faith communities. The number of religious communities that openly welcome and support LGBT congregants is growing, but news of this is not reaching the greater society. Breakthrough 2 Love is trying to change that. This campaign is based on "The Breakthrough Conversation" – an idea that change happens when people of faith have open and honest conversations about LGBT inclusion and equality with their friends and family.

The Coalition of Welcoming Congregations of the Bay Area, a program of The Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Ministry, The Umoja Project, California Faith for Equality, and Progressive Christians Uniting are teaming up in coalition to encourage local congregations to speak and live out inclusive love beginning the weekend of Valentine's Day (Feb 15-17) through the end of Pride month (June 30).

Calendar

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

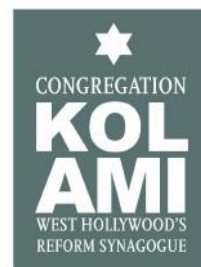
3:00 pm Conversational Hebrew class
7:00 pm Intro to Judaism class
7:00 pm Board of Trustees meeting

Friday, March 15, 2013

8:00 pm Shabbat Services with Rabbi Denise Eger and Cantor Mark Saltzman
Guest speaker Rabbi Eleanor Steinman

Sunday, March 17, 2013

No Religious School
LA Marathon
2:00 pm MOKA/WOKA Event
"THERAPY"



Refuah Schlemah

Please keep the following people in your prayers. Orrin Feldman, Darren Goldstein, Lowell Selvin, Sharon Siegel, Bob Weiner



Passover Yizkor Service

We will be having a Passover Yizkor Service at the Temple on Monday, April 1, 2013 at 8:00 am. Please join us as we pray and remember our loved ones together.

Condolences

We note with sadness the death of former Treasurer of our congregation, Jerry Belinkoff, partner of 42 years to Dan Fidelman.

His funeral will be held Friday, March 15 at 11 am at Mt. Sinai Hollywood Hills.

Everything you wanted to know about Seder but were afraid to ask!

Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at 7:00 pm

Rabbi Eger will be teaching a Passover Preparation class. This informative lesson will be held in the Kol Ami Library. Please reply by calling the office at 323/606-0996 or staff@kol-ami.org

This class is free.

PLEASE JOIN US

**KOL AMI
SECOND NIGHT OF PASSOVER
KOSHER SEDER
March 26, 2013 at 6:00 pm**



Come join Rabbi Eger, Cantor Saltzman and Student Rabbi Weisman for our Annual Second Night of Passover Seder starting promptly at 6:00 pm. There is limited seating so you must RSVP to the Kol Ami

Jerry was the second Treasurer of our congregation and Dan and Jerry were active members of our congregation before they moved to the desert more than 10 years ago.

May his memory live for a blessing.

We also note with sadness the death of Eddie Berman, longtime temple member. His funeral will be held at Mt. Sinai Hollywood Hills on Sunday, March 17 at 3:00 pm.

office at **323/606-0996** or staff@kol-ami.org

Members and guests \$75.00

Children under 13 \$40.00

****We are looking for some sponsors for scholarships****



**Mazel Tov Jeff Stevens
on your conversion to Judaism**



Special Pot-luck Shabbat Dinner!

April 5, 2013 at 7:00 pm

Please join us for a special Community Shabbat dinner in "mid city" on Friday, April 5th at 7:00 pm led by Rabbi Eger.

We will be gathering at the home of a temple member. (Address to be provided at the time of RSVP).

We hope you will join us for this special gathering! [There is limited space at this Shabbat since we will be at a Temple member's home].

RSVP is a MUST!

Please contact Marc Purchin at 310-202-1155 or via e-mail mpurchin@sbcglobal.net to reserve your space and to discuss



No Religious School Sunday.

**Classes resume April 7, 2013
at 9:30am**

**MOKA/WOKA event
THERAPY**

the potluck item you will be bringing.

No Pork or Shellfish Please!

See you there!

Please note: Cantor Mark Saltzman and Student Rabbi Greg Weisman will be leading Services back at Congregation Kol Ami.

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](#)

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

*Please join us for
The World Premiere of...*



*Written and Directed by
Jeff Bernhardt*

A drama about three therapists and the patient who changes them.

**Secret Rose Theatre
11246 Magnolia Blvd, North Hollywood, CA 91601**

March 17, 2013 at 2PM

\$20 per ticket

**To purchase tickets, please visit
<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/322663> or call 800 838-3006.
For group ticket discount, use promo code: KOLAMI**

Followed by a nosh at a nearby restaurant

Co-Sponsored by the Men of Kol Ami (MOKA) and the Women of Kol Ami (WOKA)

Parshat Vayikra
Leviticus 1:1 - 5:26
Rabbi Denise L. Eger

This week we begin the third book of the Torah, Leviticus.

This past week, the Jewish web was alive with a new Ipad and Iphone app for the book of Leviticus. Not a new translation but instead a game called Leviticus developed by Sarah Lefton (see this article:<http://www.tabletmag.com/jewish-life-and-religion/126365/leviticus-the-video-game>).

Sarah Lefton is a leader in Jewish educational technology and in particular, G-dcast. (www.g-dcast.com)

Similar to "Fruit Ninja" where you swipe your finger as if a sword cutting through different kinds of fruit, Leviticus, the game will train you in the proper sacrifices as described in the book of Leviticus. Two doves, a calf are all ok. But don't even think 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,
March 28, 2013
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

For more information, please
contact Kol Ami member Howard
Goldin at hig1217@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

**HELP US REFILL OUR
BARRELS**



SOVA is out of TUNA

We are always in need of

swiping the pig that appears on your screen. Pigs are not Kosher to eat or to sacrifice. This new kind of technology helps teach us about ancient ideas even as they meet the 21st century.

In a traditional setting young students actually begin their study of the Bible with this book. Leviticus is primarily the book of instruction of the priests to their duties. It is often referred to as Torat Kohanim, the Torah of the Priests! Those who study in yeshivot learn Leviticus as a way to understand what sacrifices God wanted for us at an earlier time in our history and then wonder what sacrifices God wants from us today!

For many of us the book of Leviticus seems so irrelevant to our daily lives. Its passages are filled with the formula for sacrifices and for what they atone for. Its verses articulate the foundations for the laws of kashrut and details improper ancient sexual expression. And its verses teach us the proper way to live in the world; how to feed the poor, respect your elders, be fair in weights and balances, and to observe Shabbat. The ultimate idea of Leviticus is to teach us by direct revelation from God to Moses the way holiness is expressed in the world. Leviticus seems overly concerned with spiritual purity and spiritual cleanliness as a precursor to holiness.

In a world today where the Temple and its practice of animal sacrifice is a relic of two millennia ago why still have young children study this book of the Torah and why when we have different contemporary notions of holiness and believe that Leviticus got it wrong around gay and lesbian sexuality do we still bother?

The truth is we bother because it is our history. We bother because we can learn what our ancestors believed that how we lived brought holiness into the world. What we ate and how we ate brought holiness in the world. Leviticus teaches us that our relationship with God demands some kind of sacrifice. In our day our words, our tzedakah, our time are our sacrifices. Our dedication to living a life of mindfulness in how we treat others matters. It mattered in Leviticus and it matters now.

Sex is not to be used as a weapon or to overpower the powerless. Part of the prohibition of male against men have sex with a man as with a woman, points to the use of men raping men in times of war. This is not a prohibition of gay and lesbians. Rather it is a prohibition of dominance over other men.

There is much more in Leviticus than the two passages that

personal toiletries, but right now our priority is TUNA. Please pick up some TUNA 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, April 14, 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 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!

reference this. It is a book filled with ancient attitudes and our job in studying it in our day and time is to mine it for its relevance. Vayikra, the opening word is "And God called". God called out to Moses... how is God calling you into relationship and revelation today?

The Community Study process continues!



The West Hollywood Community Study helps identify the social services needs of our residents. The study activities continue and there are many ways for you to participate!

GENERAL COMMUNITY SURVEY If you did not receive a survey in the mail, you can complete one now through March 18th. Call or e-mail as indicated below to receive one or visit weho.org/communitystudy to complete online.

COMMUNITY MEETING

Thursday, March 14, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Community Center Rooms 5 and 6, Plummer Park

This is the final activity of the City's community study process. You'll have a chance to talk about what social services are needed and how the City should plan for the future.

TO LEARN MORE OR TO SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE please call (323) 848-6510 or e-mail communitystudy@weho.org.



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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 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.

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 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!

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE!

Housing

Children in kindergarten and older are housed in cabin groups with children their own age, supervised by experienced counselors. Children under kindergarten age will be housed with parents in cabins. *Motel-style accommodations are available for a small additional charge.

During the day and evening, there will be special, supervised, age appropriate activities and childcare for children under kindergarten age by experienced staff.

Rates

Adults: **\$180 per person** (in cabins or in your own RV or tent)

Adults in private room: **\$210 per person** (Motel style rooms: double occupancy)


(Limited amount of private rooms available on a first come first reserved basis.)

Children 4 and older: **\$140 per child**
Children 3 and under: **FREE!**
*\$10 discount per person if deposit is paid by deadline

REGISTER AT: www.shalominstitute.com

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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