

Congregation Kol Ami E Koleinu March 27, 2013 16 Nisan 5773

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Worship Services

Please join us for Shabbat Services
Friday, March 29, 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

Kol Ami welcomes Hon. Steve Zimmer Friday, March 29, 2013 at 8:00 pm

Steve Zimmer, a 17-year veteran teacher and community activist member the LA Unified School Board since July 1 2009. Mr. Zimmer joined the LA Unified School District in 1992, and was placed as an ESL teacher at Marshall Hall Middle School in Lake, where he was an innovator of progressive programs such as a Student Support Center, which provides free medical services for their families. He also founded the Elysian Valley United Community Center (CSC), a community owned and operated agency that provides a program and after school program, recreation and enrichment programs for the community.

RABBI EGER GOES TO WASHINGTON

WATCH RABBI DENISE L. EGER'S SPEECH AT PRO SAMI RALLY IN WASHINGTON DC ON MARCH 26

Calendar

Wednesday, March 27, 2013

7:00 pm Intro to Judaism Class

Thursday, March 28, 2013

7:00 pm Triangle Square

Friday, March 29, 2013

8:00 pm Shabbat Services with
Rabbi Denise Eger and Cantor Mark
Saltzman

Sunday, March 31, 2013

No Religious school - Spring Break

Monday, April 1, 2013

8:00 am Passover Yizkor Service with
Rabbi Denise Eger

Wednesday, April 3, 2013

7:00 pm Intro to Judaism Class

Friday, April 5, 2013

7:00 pm Yom Hashoah Service with
Cantor Mark Saltzman
7:00 pm Community Shabbat Dinner
at private home

Refuah Schlemah

Please keep the following people
in your prayers. Orrin Feldman,
Darren Goldstein, Lowell Selvin,
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
sudden passing of temple
member Dennis Bogorad.
Funeral services for Dennis will
take place
on Friday, March 29th at 12*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xg2CWhGRzCo&featu>



Marriage Equality and Passover: "From Degradation to Praise"

Published in reformjudaism.org
03/24/2013

Rabbi Denise L. Eger

This Passover, the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) will have an enormous impact on equality and liberty in our country. On the first two arguments in California's Prop 8 case and the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), one of these cases is pivotal in the journey of gay men and lesbians toward equality in our country.

The Prop 8 case will be heard on the first morning of Passover. The Prop 8 was taken up by David Boies and Ted Olsen at the behest of the American Family Rights (AFER). These are the lawyers who argued against each other in the Supreme Court. They formed a team that has been arguing the case which took away the freedom to marry from gays and lesbians in California. The California Supreme Court found that it was discrimination to exclude gays from marriage based on our California state constitution. Proposition 8, which passed that then took away this civil right. Each step along the way, whether by the court or the 9th Circuit Court, Prop 8 has been overturned as unconstitutional. Now the Supreme Court must decide if those who appealed the case even have a right to be heard. Then if they say yes to that whether Prop. 8 which took away the right to marry is legal.

On Wednesday morning, March 27, the case of Edith Windsor will be heard. It affects Section 3 of the Federal Defense of Marriage Act, which forbids the federal government from recognizing marriages between gay men and lesbians. Edith Windsor is a widow from New York who faces paying \$363,000 in federal taxes on the inheritance of her late partner of 40 years, Thea Clara Spyer. Edith Windsor is a member of the Conservative Synagogue of Simchat Torah, the gay and lesbian synagogue in New York. If the court finds Prop 8 unconstitutional, the ripple effect across the country for gay men and lesbians will be shattering. Gay and lesbian couples who have married in states that permit same-sex marriage will then be able to have their marriages recognized for all purposes of taxation, Social Security, Pension Benefits, Inheritance with respect to federal estate tax and a host of over 1,800 other rights and responsibilities that the federal government recognizes in married couples!

Neither case will likely make gay and lesbian marriage legal in all 50 states, but they will bring greater equality and liberty to our country for gay and lesbian men and women. I am proud of our Reform Movement who filed Amici briefs in both cases because

noon(sharp) at

*Mount Sinai Memorial Park
5950 Forest Lawn Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90068)*



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 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.

long standing dedication to equality for all people and for gay men and

For me personally, I will spend the first two mornings of the Passover in D.C, praying at rallies on the Supreme Court steps, because the story of freedom from enslavements in Egypt is also the story of gay men and lesbians' joy. Jewish tradition teaches us that in every generation, each person is to see themselves from Egypt. Rallying in Washington, D.C. for freedom and equality before the law. Imagine the story of the Exodus. At Passover the Talmud (Pesachim 10b) says, "begin with degradation and end in praise." We pray for gay men and lesbians as well. My Passover prayer is that the continued inequality of gay men and lesbians in this country, the continued degradation will give way to freedom. If SCOTUS decides to overturn Proposition 8 and brings the freedom to marriage and to throw out the Defense of Marriage Act as unjust discrimination against gay men and lesbians! It will be the prayer I recite on the steps of the Supreme Court. It will be the prayer I recite at the seder: As Moses once said, "Let my people go this morning to let all gay men and lesbians go from the grip of inequality. Let us go from degradation to praise, as we were all created in the image of God, b'tsel

On this Festival of Freedom, let freedom ring as the Supreme Court will recognize loving couples and families. Let gay men and lesbians around our nation have marriage, the blessings of community support and the rights and responsibilities of marriage institution as well. So that soon in every state, we can sing the blessings of marriage, brachot, for every wedding couple, and the state will also recognize the

Kol-Ami is very proud of our most recent Bar Mitzvah of
Kevin Gibson-Weinberger who is featured in the film

"Growing up with Gay Parents"

<http://www.thetakeaway.org/2013/mar/25/growing-up-with-gay-parents>
[utm_source=sharedUrl&utm_medium=metatag&utm_campaign=](http://www.thetakeaway.org/2013/mar/25/growing-up-with-gay-parents)

This Saturday evening, March 30th at 7:30pm, WOKA is having
Passover "Havdalah and Desserts" at a private home in

There is no need to bring anything but yourselves, \$7.00 for members
\$10.00 for non-members.

RSVP here and we will e-mail you the address
womenofkolami@gmail.com

We hope to see you there!

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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](#)



Steve Ebin and Amanda Waldo
on Amanda's Conversion to Judaism



No Religious School Sunda

Classes resume April 7, 2013
at 9:30am

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

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

YOM HASHOAH
April 5, 2013 at 7:00 pm



MUSIC, MEDITATION, AND COMMEMORATION

Please join us for a special musical Shabbat and Commemoration service centered around the culture and history of the Shtetl led by Student Rabbi Greg Weisman and Cantor M... special guest, world reknowned accordionist virtuoso...

We give thanks to the following people who made the month of March meaningful during the month of March:

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Bernie Goldberg- in memory of his mother Esther Goldberg, and his wife Daniel Tarica and Joshua Bobrowsky - in honor of those involved

General Fund

Tara Eisner & Tobi Rosen - in memory of Joyce Edelson's father
Tara Eisner & Tobi Rosen- in memory of Charlotte Rosen, Brian Sir
Martin Freedman - in memory of Ed Berman
Bernie Goldberg - in memory of his mother, Esther Goldberg, and his wife Lynn Harrill - in memory of her dear friend John Harrill

Robert and Barbara Koppel- in memory of Jerry Belinkoff
Larry Levi - in honor of David Glickman being named "Man of the Year"
Jerry and Margie Somers - in memory of Jerry Belinkoff
Stephanie Small - in memory of her stepfather, Allen Fowler
Michael Sugar - for GLEH Passover Seder
Richard Wortman - for GLEH Passover Seder

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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 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

**HELP US REFILL OUR
BARRELS**



**SOVA is out of TUNA
and
MACARONI & 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

Peter Mackler – in honor of Rabbi Kinneret Shiryon – speaker on –3/1
Jodi and Debbie Futrowsky – in honor of Debbie's conversion to J
Rosenwald Family Living Trusts – in honor of Jeff Steven's conver
Harvey & RJ Silberman and Todd Rinehart – in memory of Harvey
Silberman

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Bernie Goldberg – in memory of his uncle Morris Peltzman
Larry Levi
Reva Solomon – for GLEH Passover Seder

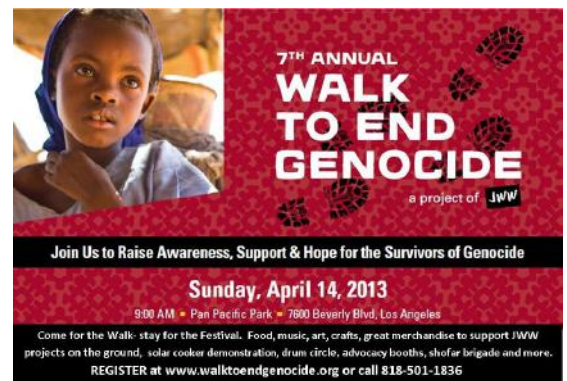
Tzedakah

Anonymous
Donald Bluestein
Sam Fibish
Allen Wolfsheimer

Yahrzeit

Ricki Bander and Beth Bachrach – in memory of Ricki's aunt, Irene
Philip Lelyveld – in memory of his grandmother, and Addie Lelyveld
Soloman Katz
Claudia Queen, Shery Sadeghi, Lloyd Queen – in memory of the
Richard Weinberger – in memory of his father Harold Weinberger
Richard Weinberger – in memory of his brother Monroe Weinberger
Irv Weinstein – in memory of his brother Stephen Weinstein

JEWISH WORLD WATCH 7TH ANNUAL WALK TO END GENOCID



**Sunday, April 14, 2013 9:00 am
Pan Pacific Park
7600 Beverly Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA**

**Join Team Kol Ami in taking one step closer to a world
With each step you take at the Walk, you shelter a child
with the means to support her family, or give a man the
how his society treats women. With each step, you take
genocide.**

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>

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.

For more information and to sign up: <http://www.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ie>
Click on "Find a Team" on the left side of the page. Find Congregation Kol Ami, and click on "Join T Children ages 11 and under walk for free, though registered.

For more information about the Walk, please <http://www.kintera.org/htmlcontent.asp?cid>



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

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.


Rabbi Eger Online!

Did you know Rabbi Eger not only keeps up her Torah blog on the Temple also has her own personal blog?

 There are new posts every day, so be sure to visit often. Click on the reading <http://rabbieger.wordpress.com>

 You can also follow Rabbi Eger on Twitter! [@deniseeger](#) or follow

 And friend her on Facebook! www.facebook.com/denise.eger

 Also don't forget to check into Kol Ami on Foursquare at the Temple! Check out our loyalty special! <http://4sq.com/IvoNnZ>

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