



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

Congregation Kol Ami E Koleinu March 6, 2013 24 Adar 5773

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Worship Services

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

Services are free, and everyone is welcome.

CONGREGATION KOL AMI IS PLEASED TO WELCOME

**RABBI KINNERET SHIRYON
ISRAEL'S FIRST FEMALE RABBI
Friday, March 8, 2013 8:00 pm**

"REFORM JUDAISM IN ISRAEL"



Kinneret Shiryon received her Rabbinical Degree (1981) and Masters in Hebrew Literature from Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in New York and her Bachelor of Arts in Comparative Literature from the University of California, Berkeley.(1977) She has lived in Israel since 1983 and was the first woman to serve as the rabbi

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Calendar

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

3:00 pm Conversational Hebrew class
7:00 pm Intro to Judaism class

Friday, March 8, 2013

8:00 pm Shabbat Services with Rabbi Eger and Songleader Jeremy Gimbel
Guest speaker Kinneret Shiryon

Saturday, March 9, 2013

10:00 am Torah Study with Rabbi Eger
12:15 pm HIV luncheon with Rabbi Eger

Sunday, March 10, 2013

9:30 am Religious School & Family Day
11:00 am Murray Adelman Plaque dedication

Tuesday, Marcy 12, 2013

7:00 pm Ritual Committee Meeting

Refuah Schlemah

Please keep the following people in your prayers. Esther Goldberg, Darren Goldstein, Linnet Graves Broidy, Steve Sellery, 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

of a congregation in the history of the State.

She is the founder of Mercaz Kehillati YOZMA - The Progressive Jewish Community Center of Modi'in. The word YOZMA means initiative in Hebrew, it is also the initials for the words: Yahadut Zmaneinu, Moreshet Ha'Am - Judaism of Today, The Heritage of the People. The goal of the center is to empower Israelis to take initiative in defining their Jewish lives. YOZMA established very successful pre-school and kindergarten programs and Rabbi Shiryon began tracks of informal Jewish education in the local elementary schools. YOZMA opened its formal elementary school in September 2006 and is proud of its 12 classes through the sixth grade. This year we are building our permanent Elementary School Building - the Ground Breaking will take place on the 8th of March- the very day I am speaking at Kol Ami. YOZMA provides meaningful and joyous religious services and is a dynamic spiritual center for Shabbat and holiday celebrations. YOZMA is also known for its cultural and family education programs and for its significant social action outreach programs.

Over the years Rabbi Shiryon, together with the support of her spouse, Baruch Shiryon, has learned the art of juggling a rich and challenging career as a rabbi in Israel with raising four wonderful children: Ayelet, Erez, Inbar and Amichai. She is proud to be the grandmother of Ora.

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

Our condolences go out to Rabbi JB Sacks, Steve Karash, and Evan Karash, on the loss of Rabbi Sacks' mother and Evan's Grandmother, Rebecca Sacks.

We also offer our condolences to Martha Rosette on the loss of her mother, Susan Rosette-Edelman.

We also offer our condolences to Bernie Goldberg on the loss of his uncle, Morris Peltzman.

We also offer our condolences to Steve Addison on the loss of his father, Arnold (Arnie) Addison.



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 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****



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 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



MAZEL TOV RABBI EGER on becoming President Elect of the Central Conference of American Rabbis



Religious School Family Day

March 10, 2013 at 9:30 am

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

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.

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](#)

Mazel Tov David Glickman



On Saturday night, David was officially honored at the Men of Reform Judaism's Regional Man of the Year Dinner at Temple Beth David in Westminster, CA. David was honored by The Men of Kol Ami (MOKA) for his service to MOKA in 2012 and 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

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).



MOKA/WOKA event THERAPY

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. Again, Mazel Tov David!

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.

*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 Vayakhel-Pekude
Exodus 35:1 - 40:38
Shabbat HaChodesh
Rabbi Denise L. Eger**

All of us have had to move. It is never fun sorting through possessions, packing some things, tossing out other things. And then at the other end of the transport whether across town, or to another city or state or country moving all the furniture, books, electronic equipment in is a challenge. The furniture that fit in your old place so perfectly doesn't always fit so well in the new place. Nor does it always look so good! If you are fortunate enough to be able to buy all new furniture for your new place then perhaps you have the luxury of getting just the right table or sofa for your new digs.

Waiting for the cable guy or internet service to be functional is a hassle. Hanging the pictures can take some time. Making your new home feel like a true home doesn't happen overnight. It is an unfolding. It is a process that allows you to transition your new space into your sacred space.

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 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

We are always in need of 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

This week's double Torah portion Vayakhel-Pekude at the end of the Book of Exodus describes the finishing touches of the building of the Tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting in the desert and describes the final process of setting all of the furnishings and utensil in place. It tells us how the craftsmen and women under the supervision of Bezalel and Ohaliab, the Project managers finished the described curtains, yarns, woven cloths, golden menorahs and altars. They were brought before Moses for a final inspection. He checked whether they had followed God's instructions that were given previously in Exodus. Upon seeing everything completed, Moses blesses them. Moses blesses the artisans and their amazing work. Our great teacher Rashi, Rabbi Shimon ben Yitzhaki says that the blessing Moses recited was: "May it be God's will that the Shekinah rest upon Your handiwork and the verse "May the pleasantness Adonai, our God be upon us-May God establish our handiwork for us; our handiwork may God establish (Psalm 90:17) from the Psalm which h Moses had composed. p.238 Tanakh, Stone Edition).

This is an important blessing because the Shekinah-God's Divine Presence that will live among the People will soon envelope the Tabernacle. Tradition teaches that the Shekinah is God's feminine aspect; the compassionate, relationship oriented aspects of the Divine. These attributes will be the aspects that will be part of the encounter with humanity in the Tabernacle-the Tent of Meeting!

Perhaps as a reminder to each of us to be compassionate and to focus on how we treat relations with one another!

And then our Torah portion tells us that Moses begins the process of setting up the Tent of Meeting and moving the furniture into place! This Shabbat is known as Shabbat HaChodesh, the Sabbath announcing that the month of Nisan-the month of Passover is soon upon us. And this portion tells us that it was on the first day of the month of Nisan that Moses set up the Tabernacle completely for the first time! Moving Day for the Shekinah! The Torah describes in detail how Moses set up the tent, the planks, and the golden rings erecting posts and put the Ten Commandments in the Ark and placed the cover with the cherubim on top over the ark. Moses brings the temple furniture into place, the curtains, the altar, the basins and laver. Everything had to be just so. Who knew Moses had this talent?

And when it was all completed the Torah tells us: When Moses had finished the work, 34 the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the Presence of Adonai filled the Tabernacle. 35 Moses could not enter the Tent of Meeting, because the cloud had settled upon it and the Presence of Adonai filled the Tabernacle. 36 When the cloud lifted from the Tabernacle, the Israelites would set out, on their various journeys; 37 but if the cloud did not lift, they would not set out until such time as it did lift. 38 For over the Tabernacle a cloud of Adonai rested by day,

Sunday of each month.

Please join us.

NEXT DATE:

Sunday, March 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 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 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>

and fire would appear in it by night, in the view of all the house of Israel throughout their journeys.

They knew when God was in the house! They had evidence according to our Torah portion. And it was that cloud of Divine Glory, the pillar of fire at night that gave the Israelites hope and pause that the Holy Presence was near to them.

Today our mezuzah that hangs on our doorposts is the invitation to dedicate your sacred space as Jewish Divine Holy Space, a visible reminder that God is present in your house. So too the mitzvot that you do, and the kindness you show others. The Shekinah teaches us that compassion and relationships with others matter. Let this be our pillar of fire that burns within us to achieve that elevated and holy state of God's Dwelling Presence in our own homes.

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.

MORE POP-UP WORKSHOPS

Thursday, March 7, 2:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - West Hollywood Library, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd.

Saturday, March 9, 11 a.m. -12:30 p.m. - THE SUNSET, 8580 Sunset Blvd.

Saturday, March 9, 1 p.m. -2:30 p.m. - City parking lot at Sunset Blvd. and N. Sherbourne Drive

Monday, March 11, 11 a.m. -1 p.m. - Rooms 5 and 6, Community Center at Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd.

ANOTHER FOCUS GROUP

T You can also follow Rabbi Eger on Twitter!
 @deniseeger or follow Kol Ami
 @KolAmiLA

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

foursquare 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>

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.

Monday, March 11, 2:30 p.m. - Room 6, Community Center at Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd.

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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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	Rates
<p>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.</p> <p>During the day and evening, there will be special, supervised, age appropriate activities and childcare for children under kindergarten age by experienced staff.</p>	<p>Adults: \$180 per person (in cabins or in your own RV or tent)</p> <p>Adults in private room: \$210 per person (Motel style rooms: double occupancy)</p> <p>(Limited amount of private rooms available on a first come first reserved basis.)</p> <p>Children 4 and older: \$140 per child Children 3 and under: FREE! *\$10 discount per person if deposit is paid by deadline</p>

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