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**Refuah Schlemah**

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

- Aaron Aronow
- Rick Leed
- David Kruskall
- Iris Levine
- Tom Royer
- Henry Schaumberg
- Lowell Selvin
- Edie Siteman
- Henry Somerfeld
- Andy Traines
- Bob Weiner

Dear Friend,

There's so much going on in the world right now, here are a few highlights we wanted to share with the community:

**Israel:**

[Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu](#) shared his message with the international community.



**LGBT Community:**

Kol Ami celebrates [President Obama's executive order](#) barring discrimination, with no religious exemptions, by federal contractors based on sexual orientation or gender identity. This important step towards full equality for the LGBT community must be repeated in the private sector.

**Kol Ami Community:**

**PLEASE remember to bring food and personal items every time you come to the temple.**

**HELP US REFILL OUR BARRELS**



SOVA needs disposable razors, lotion, shampoo and conditioner. Also, canned tomatoes, tomato sauce, canned pasta, instant dry soup, and peanut butter.

Please pick some of the items listed above on your next shopping trip to donate to SOVA.

Kol Ami will be meeting at SOVA the 2nd Sunday of each month.

**Please join us.**

**NEXT DATE:**  
Sunday  
August 10, 2014  
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 Sunday from 8:30 to noon, followed by lunch. Please notify Ed Casson at: [ecasson@gmail.com](mailto:ecasson@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining us or for other volunteer opportunities at SOVA.

Stuart L. Leviton, Men of Reform Judaism President and immediate Past-President of Kol Ami, lays out a powerful [strategy for MRJ to connect and engage](#) in the 21st century.

**WORSHIP SERVICES  
THIS FRIDAY  
July 25, 2014  
8:00 PM**

**SHABBAT SERVICES UNDER THE STARS**  
on the rooftop  
with JEREMY GIMBEL



**6:30 PM Bring your own picnic dinner**  
**We will provide the wine and challah**

**Tisha B'Av with Reform CA**

Monday, August 4, 2014, 6:45 - 9:00 pm  
At University Synagogue, 11960 Sunset Blvd, Los Angeles

Text Study with Rabbi Richard Levy  
Service led by Rabbi Joel Simonds  
With participation by many Reform CA clergy and lay leaders

Reform congregations from throughout Los Angeles County will join together to observe Tisha B'Av, the 9th day of the month of Av. Tisha B'Av is a commemoration of the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and is a day that has been tied to many terrible moments of destruction for the Jewish people throughout our history. Today, we seek to understand our broken communities, the rifts between neighbors, and the destructions that we face daily, through this same lens. We do this not just to commemorate destruction, but to commit ourselves to acting in partnership with one another to repair and rebuild that which has been destroyed.


Join us for an evening of study, prayer, chanting from the Book of Eicha, and a chance to connect with one another to imagine

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)

### ***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

[Click Here](#)

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

 And friend her on Facebook!  
[Click Here](#)

 Also don't forget to check into Kol Ami on Foursquare the next time you're at Temple! Check out our loyalty special!  
[Click Here](#)

### **Volunteers needed for Game Night at Triangle Square**



Congregation Kol Ami, MCC, and the Gay Men's Chorus are co-sponsors of a volunteer opportunity with our LGBT Senior

together a more just and compassionate California and a world redeemed.

All are welcome - bring your friends and congregations!  
Please RSVP to Rabbi Stephanie Kolin at [skolin@urj.org](mailto:skolin@urj.org)

SOME PLACES OF INSPIRATION...  
HAWAII... YOSEMITE... JERUSALEM... THE GRAND CANYON...


## INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM COURSE

Find inspiration in the wisdom and traditions of Judaism. Our INTRO courses are for everyone interested in learning more about Judaism and its traditions.

An INTRO TO JUDAISM course taught by Rabbi Sabine Meyer starts on Wednesday, August 6, 2014 at Congregation Kol Ami in West Hollywood.

More information at <http://www.reformjudaism.org/introduction-judaism-california>

This course satisfies the basic educational requirements for conversion to Judaism.



## Calendar

### **Friday, July 25, 2014**

- 6:30 PM Bring your own picnic dinner for dining on rooftop
- 8:00 PM Shabbat Services in Gan Shalom with Jeremy Gimbel

### **Saturday, July 26, 2014**

- 12:00 PM Yoga

### **Tuesday, July 29, 2014**

- 7:00 PM Meditation

### **Friday, August 1, 2014**

- 5:30 PM Bring your own picnic dinner for dining on rooftop
- 6:45 PM Early Shabbat Services with Jeremy Gimbel

### **Saturday, August 2, 2014**

- 12:00 PM Yoga

friends at GLEH's Triangle Square. Join us to play games, socialize, and have fun with different generations in the community.

We will meet the last Thursday of each month from 7PM - 9PM. Please arrive at Triangle Square by 6:45PM. 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 too! Your next opportunity to participate is Thursday, July 31, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

For more information, please contact Kol Ami member Howard Goldin at: [hjg1217@aol.com](mailto:hjg1217@aol.com) or Bill Gallimore, GMCLA Gives Back at: [billgallimore@aol.com](mailto:billgallimore@aol.com)  
Hope to see you there!

### **Congregation Kol Ami has a vital resource for our community family members**

Parenthood is the most challenging job that exists, and allowing a very young child autonomy and a growing sense of a separate self is one of the most complicated tasks for parents. Parents build on their own knowledge and develop their vital role. Resources for Infant Educators (RIE) can support you as you and your child grow and learn. Can that be made easier? Yes, it can!

*What does it mean to allow a child to become?*

*Can a parent look within the child for answers to the child's being?  
How will you become the*

## lgbt interfaith parents circle

You are invited to an evening of cocktails and conversation.

Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM

At the home of Asher Gellis  
Echo Park, CA (Address provided upon RSVP)

Drinks and light appetizers will be provided.

To RSVP,  
please click here

Please RSVP by Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup>

For more information, please contact Robin or [RPodolsky@JAI.org](mailto:RPodolsky@JAI.org) or 213.841.6329, or visit [lgbtinterfaith.org](http://lgbtinterfaith.org)



The LGBT Interfaith Parents Circle offers the first of its kind parenting programs to LGBTQ couples who are raising, or are considering raising, Jewish children. The program will address topics such as Jewish culture and heritage, adoption and questions of origin, and fluidity of gender roles.

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*parent you imagine you want to be?*

During the weekly RIE Certified Parent-Infant Guidance® classes for families with children from birth to age two, in a small group of parents and babies or toddlers of similar age and stage, you may:

- \* *Learn to see babies in ways that empower you and your child;*
- \* *Come to understand them as competent human beings;*
- \* *Help support the growth of your baby's natural abilities from birth.*

"I'm finding out much more about myself and my potential to grow through my introduction to Magda Gerber's RIE Approach." "RIE has given me so many ways to help both myself and my child feel our respective feelings." Mother of two year-old son

Infant - toddler specialist Elizabeth Memel, M.A., RIE Associate, has been instructing adult education programs for infant caregivers since 1985. Parents are invited to observe a class at no charge. Please go to [www.authenticbabies.com](http://www.authenticbabies.com) or call 323-651-0022 for more information.

### *Its Time to Bring in Your Tzedakah Cans!*



# LOVEFEST

LOVE IS A VARIED AND WONDROUS THING.  
LOS ANGELES UNDER THE STARS.  
HOT NIGHT, COLD DRINK IN HAND.  
OLD FRIENDS AND ATTRACTIVE STRANGERS.

**SATURDAY AUGUST 9 9PM - 12AM** enter on **HARVARD** between 6th & **WILSHIRE** **TICKETS AT** [wbtda.org/lovefest](http://wbtda.org/lovefest) **\$20 EACH or 2 FOR \$30**



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, you can.

Please [connect here](#) for Friday night Services, and enjoy the spiritual experience of Kol Ami at home.

Read Rabbi Eger's sermons online at [www.rabbieger.wordpress.com](http://www.rabbieger.wordpress.com)

A WIDER BRIDGE PRESENTS

# 2014 LGBTQ ISRAEL MISSION

OCTOBER 21-30, 2014

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FUN.  
SPIRITUAL.

"What a magnificent gift to experience Israel exactly as we are"  
- Broch, Seattle

Join A Wider Bridge for our 4th annual trip for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and queer (LGBTQ) persons, partners, friends and allies. The 9 night journey takes us to the desert, Tel Aviv, the Galilee and Jerusalem, connecting modern Israeli life with our deep historical roots.

Pricing: \$2700 double occupancy. Single supplement is \$765  
For more info: [awiderbridge.org/israel-2014](http://awiderbridge.org/israel-2014)

Logos: jcc, CONGREGATION KOL AMI, Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, KESHET, nehirim, JQP, ESHELYVAK

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