

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

September 3, 2014

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6:45 PM Early Shabbat Services with Neal Zaslavsky

Saturday, September 6, 2014

12:00 PM Yoga

Sunday, September 7, 2014

9:00 AM Religious School at Temple Emanuel

2:00 PM Social Justice Open House

6:00 PM Adult Hebrew class with

Todd Shotz

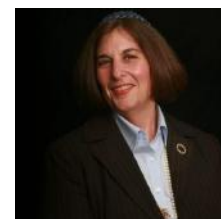
Tuesday, September 9, 2014

7:00 PM Pillar 3 Meeting -

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

7:00 PM Intro to Judaism

The news seems grim. With deep sadness another journalist is murdered by ISIS. This time we mourn Steven Satloff who was beheaded in a horrific video like his fellow prisoner and journalist James Foley.



Steven Satloff grew up in Miami, Florida at Temple Beth Am. He was a Reform Jew. His mother who many of you may have seen pleaded for his life in a video she made last week and was broadcast on Al-Arabiyah television. She taught religious school at Temple Beth Am for many years. He had both Israeli and American citizenship. He wrote for the Jerusalem Post and freelanced for Time magazine and Foreign Policy magazine.

He was an observant Reform Jew who fasted for Yom Kippur even while held in captivity by ISIS although often fed just one meal a day. He pretended to be sick refusing his only sustenance which on that day was eggs. But his spiritual sustenance also sustained him through the terror of his captivity. As we say kaddish for Steven this week let us be inspired by his courage, his faith, his commitment to tell the stories as he saw them. May his family find comfort among all who mourn in Zion and Jerusalem.

And may his memory live for a blessing.

Refuah Schlemah

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

- Bonnie Anderson
- Rick Leed
- Tom Royer
- Jules Selvin
- Lowell Selvin
- Edie Siteman

Please join Neal Zaslavsky for early Shabbat Services Friday, September 5, 2014 at 6:45 PM

Bob Weiner

CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolences to Howard Bragman on the death of his father Leonard. Shiva will be held at Howard's home next Monday, September 8 from 6pm -8pm.



Steve Reissman on the occasion of the Bat Mitzvah this past Shabbat of his granddaughter Gabriella Frydman



Rabbi Eger introducing Ambassador Dennis Ross and Mr. Elliot Abrams at the AIPAC High Holy Day Rabbinic Symposium on Global Disengagement in US Policy in the Middle East.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
BEGINS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7,
2014 AT 9:00 am

Kol Ami is once again teaming up with Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills for our wonderful joint Religious School.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more detailed information.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register.

Please remember - your Kol Ami membership dues must be current when registering for religious school. We look forward to seeing everybody back on September 7th!

**NEW KOL AMI GRIEF GROUP
FORMING**



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR BEAUTIFUL HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES AGAIN THIS YEAR AT THE JAPANESE AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES.*

Please make sure you have renewed your membership so that your tickets will arrive on time. If you would like to order more tickets you can purchase them online [here](#) or in the mail.

Please check our [website](#) for times and prices

Erev Rosh Hashanah Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at 8PM
Rosh Hashanah Thursday, September 25, 2014 at 10AM
Kol Nidre Friday, October 3, 2014 at 8PM
Yom Kippur Saturday, October 4, 2014 at 10AM

We will be home at Kol Ami for
2nd Day Rosh Hashanah and Healing/Neilah Services.



Kol Ami will be offering a grief support group for anyone who has lost a loved one. If you have experienced a recent loss or have grief that has not diminished with the passing of time, sometimes called unattended grief, this group is for you.

Temple member Larry Levi will be the facilitator; he trained at Our House, a grief support center in West LA, and co-led grief support groups at that facility for three years. Additionally, he has worked as a volunteer specialist at Camp Erin, a grief support camp for children sponsored by Our House.

Larry is a licensed psychotherapist, but this support group is not group therapy and is not a substitute for therapy - although that can be beneficial when one is grieving. The philosophy of this group, derived from the Our House philosophy is three-fold: it helps to share grief in healing ways; it is important to ask for help from others; it is beneficial to honor and maintain a loving connection to the memory of the person who died.

Please RSVP to Larry at 310.492.5005. This group is free for Kol Ami members, \$25/meeting for non-members (no one will be turned away due to lack of funds). The group will meet at Kol Ami monthly for 6 months, on the first Tuesday of the month from 8-9:30pm, starting October 7th.

For more information:
<http://www.ourhouse-grief.org/>

SELICHOT

September 20, 2014 7:30 PM
A NIGHT AT THE IMPROV...

Begin the New Year with a night of Improvisational Midrash. Rabbi Eger and Marc Purchin will help us create Midrash to understand the Biblical stories related to the High Holy Days. This is an interactive evening with Havdalah. The evening concludes with our Rooftop Selichot Services at 9:15 PM.



LEARN TO READ HEBREW JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

לשנה טובה תכתב

Learn to read Hebrew in 3 Easy Sessions just in time for the High Holy Days! Tired of being lost in services? Learn to read Hebrew in three sessions. You'll be amazed at how quickly you will be up and reading! The sessions will be led by Todd Shotz, who has been teaching Hebrew for over 20 years. This class is appropriate both for beginners and those who need a refresher. It is open to everyone.

Todd uses lots of activities including readings, prayers, songs, stories - it is definitely a lot of fun. While not 100% guaranteed, most students leave this class being able to read along in the Hebrew during services.

Class Schedule:

Sunday, September 7, 2014 6:00 - 8:00 PM
 Sunday, September 14, 2014 6:00 - 8:00 PM
 Sunday, September 21, 2014 6:00 -8:00 PM

Classes will be held at Kol Ami, 1200 N. La Brea Ave (just south of Fountain) in West Hollywood, 2nd Floor. Parking in rear.

Tuition is \$75 total for Kol Ami, BCC and IKAR members; \$90 for non-members. Checks to be made payable to Hebrew Helpers. (Minimum of 8 participants needed to proceed.)

RSVP by Sept 2 to todd@hebrewhelpers.com.

<http://www.larrylevi.net/grief/>
<http://www.larrylevi.net/blog/>

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

HELP US REFILL OUR BARRELS



SOVA needs **disposable razors, canned pasta, canned soup and peanut butter**. Please pick some of these on your next shopping trip to donate to SOVA.

PLEASE JOIN US

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

NEXT DATE:

Sunday
 September 14, 2014
 8:30 AM - NOON

LOCATION:

1140 N. La Brea
 West Hollywood, 90038
 (1 block south of the synagogue)

Please notify Ed Casson at:

ecasson@gmail.com

if you are interested in joining us or for other volunteer opportunities at SOVA.

Thank you and remember, SOVA

The poster for the Social Justice Open House features a collage of images: a group of people, a woman speaking, and a sign that says "JEWS in the LOS ANGELES". The text on the poster reads: "SOCIAL JUSTICE OPEN HOUSE | KOL AMI | 09/07 | 2p-8p". Below the collage, it says "Join us for a Social Justice Open House on September 7th." followed by two time slots: "2 - 4:30 pm" and "5 - 8 pm". The 2-4:30 pm slot includes activities like hearing from local organizations, live music, and an art studio. The 5-8 pm slot includes a film screening and a panel discussion. Additional parking information is provided at the bottom.

Westside Synagogue Collaborative Hartman Lecture Series

Please note: Kol Ami is a co-sponsor - these lectures are free for Kol Ami members

Inside, Outside, In Between: Jewish Peoplehood Today

What does it really mean to be a member of the Jewish community today? What are the core principles and commitments that come with being a member of the Jewish people? How significant are the ties that bind us together, and how does peoplehood rank in the hierarchy of Jewish values?


These questions, and others, are topics the Jewish community of the Los Angeles will explore as the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America partners with synagogues across the Westside for a cross-denominational lecture series. The Hartman Westside Synagogue Collaborative Lecture Series will feature senior scholars of the Hartman Institute addressing core ideas of contemporary Jewish life such as:


- Loyalty: How do we balance between loyalty to ourselves


is here to serve you if you are in need. For more information, please visit their website at: jfsla.org/sova


Rabbi Eger Online!

Did you know Rabbi Eger has her own personal blog?

 There are new posts every day, so be sure to visit often. [Click Here](#) to start reading.

 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 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

- and our communities, and obligations to others?
- Boundaries: Who are the people in the "peoplehood?" How should we be thinking about inclusion, boundary-crossing, and belonging?
 - Nation: What is the relationship between people and land?
 - Family: How significant are the ties that bind us together, and how does peoplehood rank in the hierarchy of Jewish values?
 - Presence: What does peoplehood look like in the public sphere?
 - Values: What are the core principles and commitments that come with being a member of the Jewish people?

The six-part series will take place monthly from November to April on Sunday afternoons from 4-6 pm at various participating synagogues. Confirmed faculty members include Donniel Hartman, Yehuda Kurtzer, Micah Goodman, Yossi Klein Halevi, Elana Stein Hain, and Lauren Berkun.

Series dates: November 2, 2014; December 14, 2014; January 11, 2015; February 8, 2015; March 8, 2015; April 19, 2015.

There is no registration fee for Kol Ami members. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to register.

It's not too late to sign up for class.
New students can [sign up until September 10, 2014](#).


Some places of inspiration...
Hawaii... Yosemite... Jerusalem... The Grand Canyon...

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM COURSE

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

A course taught by Rabbi Sabine Meyer starts on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at Congregation Kol Ami in West Hollywood.

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

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

Voluntourism Guatemala 12/25/14 - 01/03/15

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, September 25, 2014 at 7:00 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 Hope to see you there!



The 10-day journey will include meeting local families and learning about their customs & beliefs and volunteering to improve their world. We hope by raising awareness of the poverty that exists, we will inspire, motivate and transform.

Everyone handles their own air transportation and is responsible for the following costs (includes hotel accommodations, land transportation, food, construction materials and excursions):

- \$900/person double occupancy
- \$250/family donation for Mitzvah Work
- \$425/children or \$525/children with adult meals

Deposit of \$500/adult, \$200/child is due to the office by October 1, 2014, the balance is due no later than December 1, 2014.

We'd love to have as many community members join us on this trip as possible - if you are interested or have questions please email [David Glickman](mailto:David.Glickman). Detailed information and the forms for the trip are available [online](#).

Do you like to shop? Would you like to help Kol Ami just by shopping?

Here are 2 simple ways to help Kol Ami just by shopping!

1. RALPHS COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM

- Ralphs will designate a portion of your grocery bill to Kol Ami, but only if you register.
- The term lasts for one year, so even if you registered last year, you need to sign up again.
- First you must register your Ralphs Card by clicking [here](#)
- After you register your Ralphs card, please click [community](#) and you are on your way.

2. AMAZON SMILE

- Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile

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RABBI ON THE TOWN

- Gave the Sermon at the Gay Games 9 Interfaith Service in Cleveland, OH
- Chapter in the new book, "Lights in the Forest" by CCAR PRESS (available at <https://ccarpress.org>)

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

DONATIONS

We give thanks to the following people who made donations during the month of August:

General Fund

Barbara Brownell - in memory of Sherry Netherland

Cary Davidson & Andrew Ogilvie - in honor of the Board of Trustees

Stephen Hochstein - in honor of his friend, Heinz Jacobson's 85th birthday

Vitaly Koshman - in memory of German Esparza, father of his friend German Esparza

Noel Salisbury - in memory of Sherry Netherland

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