

October 8, 2014

14 Tishri 5775

Calendar

Wednesday, Oct 8

7:00 PM

Bring your own dinner and celebrate Sukkot with Rabbi Eger and Cantor Mirsky in the Rooftop Sukkah

Thursday, Oct 9

Temple closed for Sukkot

Friday, Oct 10

8:00 PM

Sukkot Services with Rabbi Eger and Jeremy Gimbel

Saturday, Oct 11

10:00 AM

Torah Study

12:15 PM

HIV+ Lunch

Sunday, Oct 12

8:30 AM

SOVA

9:00 AM

Board of Trustees Retreat at Kol Ami

12:00 PM

JQ Intl/Kol Ami Brunch

Monday, Oct 13

7:30 PM

WOKA Dessert in the Sukkah

Tuesday, Oct 14

7:00 PM

MOKA Dinner in the Sukkah

Wednesday, Oct 15

6:00 PM

Dear Sadie,

Tonight we begin the Festival of Sukkot, our Fall Harvest Extravaganza! In our day and time this is a most overlooked by liberal Jews. With so much emphasis on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, the rest of the High Holy Days - Sukkot, Hoshanah Rabbah and Simchat Torah are often passed by. In the ancient days this festival was known as THE FESTIVAL. Even though Passover and Shavuot are also Festivals, Sukkot was widely celebrated and very important.

I particularly love Sukkot in contrast with Yom Kippur. Yom Kippur is introspective and a fast day. Sukkot is a week of welcoming everyone to your table for feasting. It is the ultimate dinner party holiday. Not Passover but Sukkot is a week of entertaining in the Sukkah, welcoming family and friends and even our ancestors through the ancient ceremony of *Ushpizin*.



Ushpizin is an Aramaic word for guests. We welcome not only real guests into the hospitality of our Sukkah, but ancient guests. Traditionally each of the days of Sukkot we welcome the soul of a different ancestor beginning on the first night with Abraham, second night, Isaac, third night Jacob, fourth night Moses, fifth night Aaron, sixth night Joseph, and seventh night King David! Each of these seven leaders of our people are present each night but one leader is highlighted. According to the Zohar, Emor 103a, their souls actually leave Gan Eden to partake

Simchat Torah Service and
Celebration with Rabbi Eger and
Cantor Mirsky

Thursday, Oct 16

8:00 AM

Yizkor Service at Temple Israel of
Hollywood

Temple closed for Simchat Torah

Friday, October 17 8:00 PM

Shabbat Services with Rabbi Eger.

Refuah Schlemah

Please keep the following people
in your prayers:

John Altschul
Paul Morgan Fredrix
Brian Garfield
Rose Greene
Jeannette Kaufman
Allison Knapp
Rick Leed
Tom Royer
Jules Selvin
Lowell Selvin
Edie Siteman
Bob Weiner
Steve Weiss

Religious School

Sunday, October 12
9:00 AM
at Temple Emanuel
Beverly Hills

Jewish Community 33rd Congressional District Debate

Congressional Seat Being vacated
by retiring Congressman
Henry Waxman

Candidates: Ted Lieu (D) and
Elan Carr(R)

Date: October 28, 2014
7:15PM-Registration
7:30PM- Debate

Location: Beth Jacob

in the Divine light of the earthly Sukkot.

This welcoming of the *Ushpizin* is a very mystical custom. Several Jewish mystical texts explain that each of the seven *Ushpizin* correspond to a fundamental spiritual pathway (*sefirah*) through which the world is metaphysically nourished and perfected (*Derech Hashem 3:2:5, Zohar Chadash, Toldot 26c; cf. Zohar 2:256a*).

Abraham represents love and kindness (*Chesed*); Isaac represents restraint and personal strength (*Gevurah*). Jacob represents beauty and truth (*Tifferet*). Moses represents eternity and dominance through Torah (*Netzach*) Aaron represents empathy and receptivity to divine splendor (*Hod*) Joseph represents holiness and the spiritual foundation (*Yesod*) David represents the establishment of the kingdom of Heaven on Earth (*Malchut*).

In the period of counting the Omer between Passover and Shavuot, each week is dedicated to one of these same *sefirot* but each characteristic of the Tree of Life appears in every week. Just as each guest representing one of the *sefirot* is welcomed into the Sukkah on a particular day as the leader but all are present every day!

In our day and time it is also customary to welcome *Ushpiziot*, women leaders of our people including, Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel & Leah, Miriam, Hulda, Devorah and Esther.

Come into the Sukkah at Temple this week. Bring your lunch during the day, or one of the many events in the Sukkah this week. Your ancestors await you!

Shalom, Rabbi Denise Eger

SUKKOT CELEBRATIONS AT KOL AMI TONIGHT

Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 7:00 PM

KOL AMI Sukkot Celebration

Bring your own dinner and celebrate with
Rabbi Eger and Cantor Mirsky

Sunday, October 12, 2014 at 12:00 PM

JQ Intl. and Kol Ami Annual Sukkot Brunch

Congregation: 9030 W. Olympic Blvd, Beverly Hills, CA

Space is limited, please RSVP at <http://bethjacob.org/debate>

For more information email: info@CivicCare.org

Grief Support Group begins November 4



Kol Ami is 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.

Please RSVP to Larry Levi 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 November 4th.

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

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to everyone

Bagels, Lox, and Mimosas
\$20 in advance, \$30 at the door
RSVP to: rsvp@JQinternational.org

Monday, October 13, 2014 at 7:30 PM

WOKA Dessert in the Sukkah

Please join the Woman of Kol Ami for a beautiful evening under the stars as we celebrate Sukkot, with dessert, education and conversation in our rooftop Sukkah.

Cost is \$15.

RSVP to: staff@kol-ami.org

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

MOKA Annual Sukkot Dinner

You and your guests are invited to the Rooftop Sukkah along with Men of Reform Judaism President Stuart Leviton for our annual MOKA Sukkot dinner.

Cost is \$20 before October 9 or \$25 after October 9

RSVP to the temple at: staff@kol-ami.org



We loved having everyone together for the High Holidays - here's a sweet reminder with [Hinei Mah Toy](#).



who donated food to SOVA!
They have picked up the food
and we will let you know exactly
how much we collected. Great
job everyone!



HELP REFILL OUR BARRELS



**SOVA needs disposable razors,
canned pasta, canned soup and
peanut butter.**

PLEASE JOIN US

Kol Ami meets at SOVA the
2nd Sunday of each month.
Next meeting is - October 12th,
8:30 AM - noon
at 1140 N. La Brea

Please email Ed Casson at:
ecasson@gmail.com
if you are interested in volunteering
at SOVA.

Thank you and remember, SOVA is
here to serve you if you are in
need. Visit their website at
jfla.org/sova

Eshel in L.A.

**Eshel provides community, support
and resources on behalf of gay,
lesbian, bisexual and transgender
people in Orthodox communities.**



Executive Director
Rabbi Steve Greenberg

Parent Group

Oct. 20, 2014 7 - 9 pm

Meet Rabbi Steve Greenberg as we kick off
the first meeting for Orthodox and traditional
parents and relatives of LGBTQ children.
This will be a confidential gathering for family
members to discuss the challenges and joys
of having an LGBTQ child in Orthodox circles.

Location: 1133 South La Peer Dr.
Los Angeles, CA 90035

LGBTQ Group

Oct. 21, 2014 7 - 9 pm

Join Rabbi Steve Greenberg for refreshments
and a taste of Torah featuring "Six Heroes and
Scoundrels: Portraits of LGBT Jews in Traditional
Texts." These famous and infamous characters
in Jewish history help us make sense of the issue
for ourselves today.

Location: 1632 North Sierra Bonita Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90046

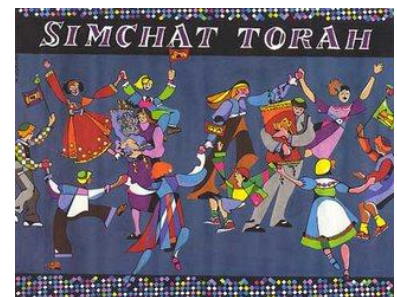


CELEBRATE THE TORAH

Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 7:00 PM

Join us for our Simchat Torah
service, when we conclude
and begin anew the annual
Torah reading cycle.

The Yizkor service will be at
Temple Israel of Hollywood on
Thursday, October 16, 2014 at
8 AM





ADULT BAR/BAT MITZVAH CLASS


Rabbi Denise Eger and Cantor Dr. Nancy Cohen will be
teaching adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class starting
Thursday, October 30, 2014.

Rabbi Eger Online!

Did you know Rabbi Eger has her own personal blog?

 There are new posts regularly, 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](#)

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.

RABBI EGER ON THE TOWN

In the past month Rabbi Eger has participated in these activities:

- Attended the AIPAC Rabbinic Symposium in Washington, DC
- New chapter in the book "Lights in the Forest" published by the CCAR at <http://ccarpress.org>
- Hosted the Israel/West Hollywood AIDS Task Force Launch at Kol Ami
- Taught the West Coast Staff of AIPAC about Reform Judaism and Israel
- Participated in the Board Call of the CCAR
- Participated in the Reform Leadership Council meeting

The classes will run for 8 weeks in the fall and 8 weeks in the spring with a Bar/Bat Mitzvah at the conclusion.



Cost is \$250 for members, \$750 for non-members. Please call the office with questions or to register - 323.606.0996.

HARTMAN LECTURE SERIES (free for Kol Ami members)

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?

Confirmed faculty members include Donniel Hartman, Yehuda Kurtzer, Micah Goodman, Yossi Klein Halevi, Elana Stein Hain, and Lauren Berkun.

Series dates (Sundays, 4-6pm): November 2, 2014; December 14, 2014; January 11, 2015; February 8, 2015; March 8, 2015; April 19, 2015.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to register.

Donations

We are incredibly grateful to the following people who made donations recently:

Building Fund
Michael Becker
Bonnie Brown

General
Barbara Babchick & Marcia Lansdown - in honor of Edie Siteman's 90th birthday
Elad Berwaldt

Oneg
Todd Rinehart & Harvey Silberman - in memory of Todd's former partner Gary Freidenberg

Richard Wortman - in memory of his mother Judith Wortman

Gerald de Silva - in memory of his life partner, David Bruce Greenstone

Seniors Helping Seniors

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Elyse Resch - in honor of her mother, Lorraine Cohen
Cathee Weiss

Maddy Silverman in honor of the New Year

Ira Schlesinger in memory of Betty Schlesinger

Grant Gochin and Russell Lyon in honor of the New Year

Frank Peck

Dorothy & Roberts Jacobs in memory of their son Howard

Dr. Stuart Rubenstein in honor of the brit milah of Ford Thomas Eger

Neil Zaslavsky

Howard Bragman in memory of his father Leonard Bragman

Sam Fibish in honor of Sheryl Gold

Dr. Mason Sommers

Steve Karash in memory of his mother Lois Gabboy

Rabbi Uri and Myra Herscher in honor of the brit Milah of their grandson, and Dr. Mark Litwin

Tzedakah

Wendy Goldman

Alan Weisbart & Alesha Hughes

Yahrzeit

Carl Becker - in memory of his mother Gladys Becker

Gerald de Silva - in memory of his life partner David Bruce Greenstone

Howard Goldin - in memory of his father Kenneth Goldin

Rev. Dr. Gwynne Guibord - in memory of her sister, Cindy Guibord

Vitaly Koshman - in memory of his father, Viktor Koshman

Vitaly Koshman - in memory of his grandfather, Andrey Koshman

Philip Lelyveld - in memory of his grandfather Abraham Lelyveld

Philip Lelyveld - in memory of David Katz, grandfather of Philip and father of Adelaide Lelyveld

Loren Ostrow & Brian Newkirk - in memory of their friend Phil Alles

Glenn Rosenblum & Mark Freeman - in memory of their aunt and uncle Phyllis and Leonard Friedel

Noel Salisbury - in memory of his life partner Murray Adelman
Mark Saltzman & Walter Hubert - in memory of their friend Billie Bowlby

[Forward email](#)



This email was sent to execdir@kol-ami.org by rabbieger@kol-ami.org | [Update Profile/Email Address](#) | Rapid removal with [SafeUnsubscribe™](#) | [Privacy Policy](#).



Try it FREE today.

Congregation Kol Ami | 1200 North La Brea Avenue | West Hollywood | 323.606.0996 | www.kol-ami.org | CA | 90038