



October 15, 2014

22 Tishri 5775

Calendar

Wednesday, Oct 15

7:00 PM

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.

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

7:00 PM

Pillar 1 Meeting

Wednesday, October 22, 2014

7:00 PM

Board Meeting

Thursday, October 23, 2014

12:00 PM

Lunch 'n Learn Downtown

Friday, October 24, 2014

8:00 PM

Shabbat Services with Rabbi Eger and Jeremy Gimbel

Dear Sadie,

The last couple of weeks have been incredibly full here at Kol Ami - Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur brought the whole community together in beautiful ways. Then we gathered in the Sukkah - a fragile and vulnerable dwelling - reminding us how precious our families and homes are. Tonight we celebrate Simchat Torah together, as endings and beginnings intertwine, starting off the new year together at the beginning, with the very first words of the Torah.

We are so excited about this upcoming year! Whether here, on [Facebook](#), [twitter](#), or the [website](#), you'll find an incredible array of classes, programs and opportunities to gather and celebrate as a community.

I invite you to keep alive the wonderful feelings and momentum of the High Holy Days. We're here all 52 weeks of the year - come learn, pray, and celebrate together. Do you want to go to the WEHO Halloween Carnival together? Find friends who want to make art or read poetry? Have a wine tasting? Join us for the Pillar 1 meeting on Tuesday the 21st at 7pm to plan new events.

We're constantly working on improvements here - please let me know how we can make Kol Ami a better home for you - give me a call or [email me](#) your questions, ideas, and what you'd like to work on creating in year ahead.

Chag Sameach,

Sadie

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 19
 9:00 AM
 at Temple Emanuel
 Beverly Hills

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



Join Congregation Kol Ami for an innovative, warm, and intimate approach to Shabbat morning learning, discussion, stories, and music.

We will eat a little (bagels), bless a little (bruchos), tell a few stories (bubbemeises), and learn together. Our own Peter Mackler will share his expertise and experiences in Jewish learning from the Shalom Hartman Institute.

Join us October 25th at 10 AM at the home of Dr. Nancy Cohen. Prior knowledge of Hebrew is not required and all are welcome. Space is limited, please RSVP to the Temple office; the address will be provided when you RSVP.



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

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.

from 8-9:30pm, starting
November 4th.

For more information:

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

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.

HELP REFILL OUR BARRELS



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



Want to get away while doing good? Stay at any of the luxury Grand Mayan Resorts in Mexico to raise funds for Kol Ami's Mission to Guatemala. Spend a week (or two) of ultimate relaxation at one of the most beautiful resorts South of the Border. Surprise your loved ones with a midsummer dream right before Hanukkah. Choose from any of the Grand Mayan Resort locations - Nuevo Vallarta, Acapulco or Cancun (the Cabo location was damaged in recent storms and may or may not be available).

Bid now for a great vacation (must be used by April 15, 2015). Funds raised will go towards the cost of construction materials and trained laborers needed to build two new homes for families in Guatemala. Bidding is open now at <http://bit.ly/100co7M>. Thank you to Stanley Papel for making this generous donation possible.

Jewish Community 33rd Congressional District Debate

Congressional Seat Being vacated by retiring Congressman Henry Waxman

Location: Beth Jacob 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

PLEASE JOIN US

Kol Ami meets at SOVA the
2nd
Sunday

of each month.

Next meeting is - November 9th,

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,
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you are in need. Visit their
website at jfsla.org/sova

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.*

JEWISH COMMUNITY 33RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT DEBATE



Elan Carr



Ted Lieu



Tuesday, October 28, 2014

7:15 pm Registration; 7:30pm Debate begins promptly.

At Beth Jacob Congregation

9030 W. Olympic Blvd., Beverly Hills

Moderated By Rabbi Abraham Cooper,
Associate Dean, Simon Wiesenthal Center.

Space is limited, please RSVP at bethjacob.org/debate

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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



ESHEL 

RSVP to info@eshelonline.org
www.eshelonline.org/eshel-in-los-angeles



Is Religion Getting Us To LGBTQ Equality?

Please join Rabbi Eger and other participants in a special community event, for the first "Queering the Conversation" educational panel discussion on Thursday, November 13, 2014.

It is our hope is that through this conversation we can mobilize the larger community to make our world a better place for LGBTQ and Allied people - to truly Tikkun Olam.

As an official Compassion Week 2014 event, our panel will be moderated by Consulting Advisor Lee Wind, M.Ed. and will include the following confirmed participants:

- * Ani Zonneveld (Founder/President - Muslims for Progressive Values)
- * Mel White (Founder, Soulforce Religious Advocacy Organization)

- * Rabbi Denise Eger (Founder, Congregation Kol Ami)
- * Reverend Troy Perry (Founder, Metropolitan Community Church)


This event will be held at the Founders Metropolitan Community Church and asks:


- * What is our purpose as LGBTQ and Allied people?
- * Do we have a higher calling?
- * What are the tipping points that bring religious communities through (or to?) 'tolerance,' 'acceptance,' and ultimately to celebrating our queer lives and relationships?
- * And what can we do - both as individuals and as a cross-faith spiritual community - to create LGBTQ-positive change?


The evening will begin with a reception from 7:00pm-7:30pm, followed by the panel and audience Q&A from 7:30pm-9:00pm. We've kept this a free event with a \$10 suggested donation.


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](#)

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