

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

## Congregation Kol Ami E Koleinu November 13, 2013 10 Kislev 5774

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### WORSHIP SERVICES

Please join us for Shabbat Services  
Friday, November 15, 2013 at 8:00 p.m.

Services will be led by Rabbi Denise Eger  
and Cantor Mark Saltzman

Services are free and everyone is welcome



### KOL AMI CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

with Rabbi Eger, Cantor Saltzman and  
Student Rabbi Jeremy Gimbel  
**November 29, 2013 at 8:00 PM**

### Refuah Schlemah

Please keep the following people in your  
prayers:

Jane Drucker, Linnet Graves-Broidy, Iris  
Levine, Carey Loomis, Lowell Selvin, Milton  
Singer, Edie Siteman, Bob Weiner

### Calendar

**Friday, November 15, 2013**

8:00 PM Shabbat Services with Rabbi Eger and Cantor Saltzman

**Sunday, November 17, 2013**

9:30 AM Religious School at Temple Emanuel Beverly Hills

**Tuesday, November 19, 2013**

7:00 PM Intro to Judaism

**Torah Study  
December 14, 2013 at 10:00 AM**



### MAZEL TOV

Wendy Hartmann

on receiving one of three  
Los Angeles Community Business  
Partner Awards from  
StandUp Magazine



### MAZEL TOV

on your wedding

Randy Moses and Lawrence Salazar

## Mark your calendars for these special events at Kol Ami

**Friday, November 22, 2013  
at 8:00 PM**

As a follow-up to one of Rabbi Eger's high holy days sermons, we will have special guest speaker Loren Leib to discuss how to reduce gun violence.

Loren is a Los Angeles resident and mother of a child injured in the Los Angeles Jewish Community Center mass shooting in 1999. In the meantime, you can click these sites for online petitions:

[Moms demand Action](#)

[Coalition to stop Gun Violence](#)

[We are better than this.org](#)

[Demand Action.org](#)

### **HOLD THE DATE**

Special Musical Brunch at Kol  
Ami

**Sunday, January 26, 2014**

**Here are some ways you can**

### **Wednesday, November 20, 2013**

7:00 PM Board of Trustees Meeting

### **Thursday, November 21, 2013**

12:00 PM Lunch 'n Learn with Rabbi Eger

### **Friday, November 22, 2013**

8:00 PM Shabbat Services with Rabbi Eger and Student Rabbi  
Gimbel  
Special Guest Speaker Loren Lieb - Discussion on Gun  
Violence

## **Thanksgiving Day at Triangle Square Thursday, November 28, 2013**



Once again, Congregation Kol Ami along with several other inter-faith partners will provide a "Thanksgiving Feast of Love" for our LGBT Seniors at GLEH Triangle Square.

Last year you were generous in sharing your Thanksgiving with these residents through your time talents making it their most successful community effort in seven years. We are once again coming to asking you to show your generosity again to ensure residences at GLEH Triangle Square are not forgotten while we continue to make them a part of our wonderful community during this Thanksgiving season!

What can you do to help?

### **DONATE FOOD**

We need an abundance of turkeys, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, green beans, corn, dinner rolls, green salad, cranberry sauce, desserts, ice and other items. We ask that all items come hot and be brought in disposable aluminum pans that are 10 3/8" x 12 13/16" in size (1/2 size hotel pan). If you are donating a turkey, please bring it carved and ready to be served. There is limited space to carve the large amount of turkeys donated.

### **VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME -**

Our shifts will evolve around serving our guests a fabulous Thanksgiving meal or just taking a few moments to have a conversation with them. The gift of your conversation with the seniors is worth more than you can imagine.

## help the people of the Philippines

[URJ General Disaster Relief Fund](#)

[International Committee of the Red Cross](#)

[Philippines Typhoon Relief Fund of Jewish  
Federation of Greater LA](#)

[Unicef](#)

[American Jewish JDC](#)

### Contributions may also be mailed to:

Disaster Relief Fund  
Union for Reform Judaism  
633 Third Ave.  
New York, NY 10017



**Thank you Congregation Kol Ami  
for collecting 1,248 pounds of food  
for SOVA this holiday season.**

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

**HELP US REFILL OUR BARRELS**



**SOVA needs razors, soap,**

To volunteer or for more information, please contact  
**Howard Goldin at [hjg1217@aol.com](mailto:hjg1217@aol.com)**

### DOWNTOWN LUNCH 'N LEARN

Thursday, November 21, 2013  
12:00 noon - 1:00 pm

Do you work downtown or nearby?  
Do you want to meet others who do?

Come for a stimulating discussion of Jewish Ethics with Rabbi Eger

Join us each month for a lively discussion of Jewish law, Jewish ethics, and contemporary issues.

Rabbi Eger will teach a Lunch 'n Learn course on the third Thursday of each month at 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm.

The sessions will be held in the Law Offices of:  
Grunfeld, Desiderio et.al.  
707 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 4150  
Los Angeles, CA

Lunch and drinks provided  
(no fee)

### FREE HANUKKAH PROGRAM FOR INTERMARRIED/INTERPARTNERED LBGT COUPLES WHO A RAISING OR CONSIDERING RAISING JEWISH CHILDREN



With Hanukkah coming early this year, many families and couples are already planning their Hanukkah meals, making their gift list and digging out their latke (potato pancake) recipes. But for those whose partners are Jewish, but are not themselves, it can be challenging to bring a holiday into the home that one didn't grow celebrating.

The LGBT Interfaith Parents Circle offers the first of its kind parenting programs to LGBT couples who are raising, or are considering raising, Jewish children. The first program will center around the holiday of Hanukkah, offering a safe space to learn about and discuss how to celebrate the holiday for LGBT interfaith couples.

## lotion, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and shampoo

**Right now our priority items are toiletries 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  
December 8, 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 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.

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)

***If you are unable to make it to Services and would still like to***

In addition to topics like the story of Hanukkah and the themes of the holiday, participants will also have an opportunity to delve into topics unique to LGBT interfaith couples raising Jewish children, as how to reclaim the holiday and making the connection between the themes of identity and rededication as they relate to Hanukkah and LGBT interfaith families.

There are two opportunities to participate in the free class, so we hope you will share this information with those you think may be interested, to help spread the word about this wonderful program.

Monday, November 18, 2013 6:00 - 8:00 PM  
Temple Judea  
5429 Lindley Ave.  
Tarzana, CA 91356

Tuesday, November 19, 2013 7:30 - 9:00 PM  
Beth Chayim Chadashim  
6090 West Pico Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90035

Free childcare available for those who RSVP by November 15, 2013

For more information, or to RSVP, please contact JOI's LGBT Interfaith Parents Circle Coordinator, Lisa Hanish, at [LHanish@JOI.org](mailto:LHanish@JOI.org).

## Beutel Leadership Seminar Anita Saltz Educational Center

February 13-23, 2014

Join us as we:

- Spend 10 days learning with Reform Jewish leaders from around the world
- Grapple with critical issues facing Israel and the Jewish People
- Hear the voice of our tradition come to life in our ancient homeland
- Encounter top leaders of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism

***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.***


You can now read Rabbi Eger's sermons online at **[www.rabbieger.wordpress.com](http://www.rabbieger.wordpress.com)**


### ***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](#)

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

- Explore history, culture, spirituality, Hebrew, politics, and more
- Connect with others about common challenges like engaging young adults, balancing innovation & tradition, etc...
- Pray with your feet as we combine study and social action
- Engage with inspirational Jewish Israeli and Palestinian Israeli peace-builders
- Only \$1000 USD (including program, accommodations and most meals). Scholarships available

### The Faculty

The Saltz faculty includes some of the most accomplished scholars and educators in the world.

### The Participants

This is a unique opportunity to experience Progressive Jewish Peoplehood while learning with leaders from around the world. The international makeup of our participants adds perspective and insight

### The Location

Based at Beit Shmuel-Mercaz Shimshon, headquarters of the WUPJ, the Saltz Center overlooks the dramatic walls of Jerusalem's Old City.

### From Past Participants. . .

I could not have asked for a more rewarding and enlightening experience. . . The Seminar provided me with the cultural, political and spiritual tools that will make me ... a more knowledgeable participant in the Jewish faith.

This course was excellent. The level of scholarship, the wide range of topics, the chevruta study, all programmes were outstanding. . . I really learned a great deal . . . Yasher Koach and Todah Rabah.



Please bring in your cans for donation, and don't forget to pick up a new one while you're here.

## 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 - 9:00pm.

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.

Come volunteer, brighten someone's day and have a great time doing so!

**Your next opportunity to participate is THURSDAY,**

I was thoroughly impressed and more than happy with the programme. It was well planned, well presented & really covered a wide range of topics. I personally enjoyed the studies of Israel thru literature & visiting actual sites.

Although I had been to Israel several times this was the experience that allowed me to put all the puzzling pieces together. There was tremendous attention to depth, detail and knowledge - Israel's history and society is so complex - previously I felt like an outsider peeking over a Jerusalem stone wall into a mystical world - now I feel a part of this country and can relate to its challenges and accomplishments as if it is part of my own identity.

Contact Rabbi Steve Burnstein:

[saltz@wupj.org.il](mailto:saltz@wupj.org.il)

let love define family™  
foster or adopt now

RAISE A CHILD 

If you have considered building or expanding your family through fostering or adoption, please attend a free RaiseAChild.US event:

**Wednesday, November 20th**  
W Hollywood Hotel

- Enjoy beverages and hors d'oeuvres
- Hear from LGBT foster and adoptive parents
- Connect with agencies eager to work with you

RSVP: 800.958.9478  
or click here...

[www.RAISEACHILD.US](http://www.RAISEACHILD.US)



**December 26, 2013**  
**7:00 pm - 9:00 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).

We hope to see you there!

## **INTRO TO HEBREW READING FOR ADULTS**

Learn to read Hebrew in 3  
 Easy Sessions! Tired of  
 being lost during  
 Shabbat Services? Want to  
 start preparing for an Adult  
 B'Nai Mitzvah?

You'll be amazed at how  
 quickly you will be up and  
 reading! Todd Shotz, who  
 has been teaching Hebrew  
 for over 15 years, will lead  
 the sessions. This class is  
 appropriate both for  
 beginners and those who  
 need a refresher. It is open  
 to everyone. Todd uses  
 humor, readings, prayers  
 and songs to enhance  
 learning. While not 100%  
 guaranteed, most adult  
 students leave this class  
 being able to read along in  
 Hebrew during services.  
 Classes will be held at Beth  
 Chayim Chadashim, 6090  
 West Pico Blvd. Fee is \$75  
 for Kol Ami members and  
 \$90 for non-members.

RSVP to Todd Shotz  
 at [todd.shotz@gmail.com](mailto:todd.shotz@gmail.com).  
 A minimum of 6  
 participants needed to

**RSVP 800/958-9478**

## **Jewish National Fund Pride of Israel Mission**

**June 5 - 12, 2014**

Optional Extension in Tel Aviv, taking  
 place during Gay Pride: June 12 - 14, 2014

**MISSION CHAIR:** Howard Bragman

**MISSION PROFESSIONALS:** Lou Rosenberg  
 René Reinhard



**Join JNF for the trip of a lifetime as you explore the magic of Israel.**

### **HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:**

- Delve into the rich history of the land of Israel.
- Celebrate the spirit of Jerusalem and travel through time exploring the city's multi-layered history.
- Experience the magic of the Ramon Crater, Israel's Grand Canyon, located in the heart of the Negev.
- Tour the Ramon Air Force Base and lunch with Israel's elite pilots and a squadron of the IDF.
- Visit major historic and cultural sites throughout Israel such as Caesaria, Old Jaffa and the Ayalon Institute Museum.
- Stay at 5 star, luxury hotels and spas
- Enjoy Israel's diverse shopping, sightseeing, wineries, restaurants, cafes and nightlife.
- Explore vibrant cosmopolitan Tel Aviv, Israel's most dynamic city on the Mediterranean coast, just in time to celebrate Gay Pride.

### **PRICING:**

Land Only (based on double occupancy): \$4,985 • Single Supplement: \$1,565  
 Optional Extension (based on double occupancy): \$420 • Single Supplement: \$580

For more information, please contact:

Lou Rosenberg at [lrosenberg@jnf.org](mailto:lrosenberg@jnf.org) or 323.964.1400 x963

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