

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

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Refuah Schlemah

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Richard Frank
 Brian Garfield
 Steve Hochstein
 Rick Leed
 Jack Levin
 Iris Levine
 Tom Royer
 Lowell Selvin
 Milton Singer
 Bob Weiner
 Jane Weisberg

The month of Nissan has just started. In less than two weeks we will gather around our Passover Seder tables and once again ask four questions, beginning with "Mah Nishtanah HaLailah Hazeh MiKol Halayot? Why is this night different from all other nights?" More than just shtick to help kids get through a ritual that teaches, the four



questions are trigger questions to help adults and children create a space of learning. If you come to the Seder only for the meal or the wine you miss the point. The Seder is a Jewish study hall. The Haggadah filled with snippets of Tanakh (Bible), midrash, halakah, customs, stories and music that we study for an evening around the dinner table. The Seder meal is the ultimate Beit Midrash, House of Learning! It's the annual Go Back to school night for the Jewish people!

So it is important to prepare yourself for a night of learning. Critical to Jewish learning are the questions we ask. In a Beit Midrash or Yeshivah questions form the basis for approaching a Jewish texts? Why did Rabbi Eleazar say this? How come Rabbi Hillel disagrees with Rabbi Shamai? Why on this night do we dip twice when on all other nights we dip only once? If you approach the Seder meal as if you were Yentl (excuse the Barbara Streisand reference) then you will understand more of its depth, its questions and yes, its answers.

But the unique part of the Seder is not only studying the Jewish texts as our ancestors did but bringing your own questions to the table. Big Questions. Question about Life and Meaning and Hope. What are you responsible for? How do you conform? These kinds of questions are also at the heart of the Seder meal.

This week I am attending the Central Conference of American Rabbis in Chicago. Once important session was called "ASK BIG QUESTIONS". This is a program run by Hillel, the Jewish

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Sunday, April 6, 2014
at 9:00 AM

Temple Emanuel Beverly Hills



College Campus organization as a way for college students to engage each other in meaningful conversations to change the world! But it is applicable to anyone- and our Seder meals are a place to begin. IF you would like to learn more about the ASK BIG QUESTION PROJECT visit their website: askbigquestions.org

And don't forget this Passover the Seder is the time to Ask Big Questions.

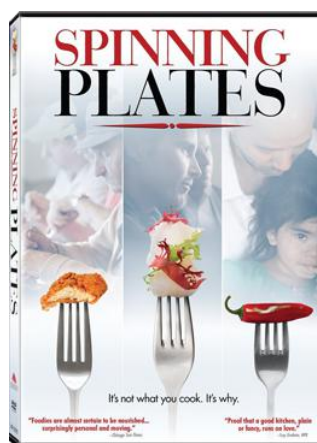
NEW DADS GROUP FORMING at Kol Ami

Watch here for the next class

If you have children 3 years old and younger, please join us for a gathering of singing, playtime (& schmooze for the parents).

Open to all

HAVDALAH AND A MOVIE Saturday, April 5, 2014 at 7:00 PM



Spinning Plates is an award winning documentary about three extraordinary restaurants and the incredible people who bring them to life. A world-renowned chef competes for the ultimate restaurant prize in Chicago, while privately battling a life-threatening condition. A 150-year-old restaurant in Iowa is still standing only because of an unbreakable bond with the community. And a fledgling Mexican restaurant in Tucson struggles as its owners risk everything to survive and provide for their young daughter. Their unforgettable stories of family, legacy, passion and survival come together to reveal how meaningful food can be, and the power it has to connect us to one another.

**Cost is \$5
Popcorn and drinks
All are welcome
Future Havdalah and Movie nights:
Saturday, May 3, 2014**

Calendar

Friday, April 4, 2014

6:45 PM Shabbat Services with Rabbi Eger and Student Rabbi Gimbel
7:00 PM Satellite Shabbat at private home

Saturday, April 5, 2014

12:00 PM Yoga
7:00 PM Havdalah and a Movie
"Spinning Plates"

Sunday, April 6, 2014

9:00 AM Religious School at Temple Emanuel
10:30 AM Tefillin Workshop with Rabbi Eleanor Steinman

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

7:00 PM LGBT Interfaith Passover Preparation Class
7:00 PM Intro to Judaism

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

7:00 PM Pillar 2 Meeting



Dr. Jane Drucker on your reelection to the Studio City Neighborhood Council

Please read Rabbi Eger's blog which was published on Huffington Post last week: **What Fred Phelps Didn't Learn From Sodom and Gomorrah**

Rabbi Eger on the Town

During the months of February and March Rabbi Eger participated in these communal activities:

- Taught a class on LGBTQ issues to the 3rd year Rabbinic Students of Hebrew Union College.
- Gave the keynote sermon on Violence Against Women at the Billion voices Rising Interfaith Service
- Was interviewed by Weherville and the Jewish Journal condemning the store owner in West Hollywood for dressing his mannequin as a Holocaust Prisoner
- Attended the CCAR Shekels Fundraising Conference hosted by our congregation
- Attended the AIPAC Policy Conference
- Met with the URJ MUMS Dues

Kol Ami Tefillin Workshop Sunday, April 6, 2014 at 10:30 AM



During each Friday night service we recite these words in the V'ahavta:

"Bind [these words of the Shema] as a sign on your hand and let them serve as a symbol on your forehead"

Yet how many of us actually know how?

Girls and guys: come learn how to practice the ancient ritual of binding/laying Tefillin on your arms and forehead. Join us for Kol Ami's Tefillin Workshop, where Rabbi Eleanor Steinman will show us how.

**SPACE IS FILLING UP
DON'T BE LEFT OUT
CALL AND RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW
323/606-0996**

Committee

- Attended a special meeting with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu
- Attended the CCAR Convention and Board Meeting
- Attended the Jewish Federation Board of Rabbis Meeting

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

HELP US REFILL OUR BARRELS



SOVA needs razors, lotion, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and shampoo. Also, cooking oil, canned pasta, 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

 A vibrant blue poster for the "Second Night Community Seder". At the top, the title "Second Night Community Seder" is written in a large, stylized, orange font. Below the title, a white text box contains the invitation: "Come gather together with friends and community to celebrate our passage from constriction to expansiveness - from enslavement, through the desert to liberation." To the right of this text, the date and time are listed: "Tuesday, April 15 at 6:00 pm". Below that, the location is given: "Congregation Kol Ami, 1200 North LaBrea Avenue". The cost is listed as "cost is \$67.50 (children under 13 are \$36)". In the center of the poster is a large, circular graphic of a seder plate. The plate is brown with a white zig-zag border and contains six colored circles, each with Hebrew text: "כרפס" (Carrots), "ניצה" (Nitzah), "מרור" (Maror), "חרות" (Chרות), "זרוע" (Zroa), and "חזרת" (Chazart). Above the plate, the Hebrew word "פסח" (Pesach) is written, followed by "Happy Passover". In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for "CONGREGATION KOL AMI WEST HOLLYWOOD'S REFORM SYNAGOGUE" featuring a white star on a dark background. At the bottom of the poster, registration information is provided: "Please register by calling the office at 323/606-0996 or emailing staff@kol-ami.org".

April 13, 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 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

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!

We give thanks to the following people who made donations during the months of February and March:

Building Fund

Andy Traines and Marc Siegel

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Bernie Goldberg - in memory of his uncle Morris Peltzman

Cast and crew of Musical Fable Gypsy Rose Leebowitz - in honor of Cantor Mark Saltzman

Neal Zaslavsky in memory of Eleanor Wilson

General Fund

John Altschul - in memory of Lillian Rand, mother of Keith Rand (John D'Amico)

Anonymous - in honor of Peter mackler being chosen as California Grassroots Advocate of the year by the AHA and CHA


Yahouda Emrani and family/Venice Investments

Judy Fine-Eichner - in memory of Wendy Glenn's (Marianne Lowenthal) father, Morton Glenn

Arman Gabay - Charles Company

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**If you are unable to make it to
Services and would still like to
join us for worship, YOU CAN!**

**Kol Ami is proud to offer you
the opportunity to participate
in Friday evening Services
live on the web.**

***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

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



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

Bonnie Kaplan - in honor of the marriage of Aaron Aronow and
Michael Garza

Vitaly Koshman

Frank Peck - with gratitude to Rabbi Eger

Noel Salisbury - healing prayer for Jack Levin; healing prayer for
Jane Drucker; healing prayer for Elliott Hochman

Cantor Mark Saltzman and Walter Hubert - in memory of Wendy
Glenn's (Marianne Lowenthal) father, Morton Glenn

Andy Wolf - in memory of Wendy Glenn's (Marianne Lowenthal)
father, Morton Glenn

Julia Graves-Broidy Fund

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Lowenthal) father, Morton Glen

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Harvey Silberman and Todd Rinehart - in memory of Harvey's
mother Irma Silberman

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Bernie Goldberg - in memory of his mother, Esther Goldberg

Francine Epstein and Beverly Sweigert - in honor of their wedding

Jack Levin - in honor of Rabbi Eger's birthday

Stuart Leviton and Herb Schultz - in honor of their wedding

Peter Mackler - in memory of Wendy Glenn's (Marianne
Lowenthal) father, Morton Glenn

Elyse Resch and Marc Weigensberg - in memory of Wendy Glenn's
(Marianne Lowenthal) father, Morton Glenn

Neal Zaslavsky - in memory of his mother Helene Zaslavsky, in
memory of his grandmother Ruth Zaslavsky

Tzedakah

Emet Block

Wendy Glenn and Marianne Lowenthal

Debra Miller

Yahrzeit

Rickie Bander and Beth Bachrach - in memory of Ricki's aunt,
Irene Margolin

Carolyn Dye - in memory of her brother Jerry Dye

Paul Fredrix - in memory of his father William Fredrix

Mark Freeman and Glenn Rosenblum - in memory of Mark's
father, Ralph Ellis Freeman; In memory of Glenn's grandfather,
Nathan Zamonstansky

Alexandra Glickman - in memory of her bather Philip Glickman

Nancy Greenstein - in memory of her mother Reva Greenstein

Alvin Gross - in memory of his mother Sadie Gross

Lynn Harrill - in memory of her father, Sam Wolfson

Marilyn Horwitz - in memory of her husband Ira Horwitz

Daniel Klotzman - in memory of his father Isaac Klotzman

Stephen Lachs and Michael Ruvo - in memory of Stephen's mother, Irene Lachs
Philip Lelyveld - in memory of Adelaide Brinley, cousin of Philip and Adelaide Lelyveld
Philip Lelyveld - in memory of Mary Jane Katz - mother of Adelaide and grandmother of Philip
Bart Mozlin - in memory of his father Joseph Mozlin

We're trying out some new things. Looking to start a new practice, or expand your range of spiritual practice? Join us for -

Meditation
 Tuesday nights at 7pm -
 no experience necessary

Kundalini yoga Saturdays
 noon-1:30 (starting April 5th).
 Bring a yoga mat and water.



As House Majority Leader, Eric Cantor has the power to schedule a vote

on comprehensive immigration reform. Congregation Kol Ami has a long and proud tradition of advocating for human rights and equality and we remain dedicated to those values. We know that if today's laws had been in place in the past, many of our own families would have been denied access to the opportunities and responsibilities that have made our experience in America possible.

Tomorrow on April 3, Majority Leader Cantor is set to meet with Jewish constituents about immigration reform. Kol Ami is joining forces with a broad coalition of Jewish organizations urging him to schedule a vote on comprehensive immigration reform. Let our voices become one with thousands of Jewish voices united with one message: 11 million people need a pathway to citizenship.

Please sign now: <http://tinyurl.com/immigration-kol-ami>



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