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

**August 13, 2014**  
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**Refuah Schlemah**

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

- Rose Green
- Tom Royer
- Lowell Selvin
- Eddie Siteman
- Bob Weiner

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

Dear Temple Family:

I am back in the saddle from my Sabbatical. Israel was an amazing and frightening and wonderful experience all at the same time. I was glad to be in our homeland during a time when Israel really needed support from the Jewish community. I have been to Israel on so many occasions and in many times of war and turmoil. But this experience this summer was most powerful. Until you have missiles exploding over your head you can't really understand. Thank goodness for Israeli innovation and our American government's help. The Iron Dome saved millions of lives this summer. The Iron Dome saved my life this summer.



This amazing and almost sci-fi technology is able to track a missile or rocket from the moment it is fired by Hamas and then through the miracles of algorithms it is able to decide which will target population centers and which missiles will fall in open areas like fields or the sea. The Iron Dome then shoots another missile or missiles at the one targeting Israelis and knocks it out of the sky. I have seen it work, heard the booms, seen the contrails and the puffs smoke of the destroyed rockets.

Running to bomb shelters at all times of day and night is not the ideal way to see Israel and yet, Israelis-our family and friends were grateful that we were there. I spent part of time [studying at the Shalom Hartman Institute](#) where ironically the theme for this summer was "War and Peace."

The second week I was part of the first ever Progressive Rabbis AIPAC Mission to Israel. Often we think of AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) as a right wing, Republican Jewish

## HELP US REFILL OUR BARRELS



SOVA needs **disposable razors, canned pasta, canned soup 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

September 14, 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](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

organization. My experience could be nothing further from that. AIPAC is truly bi-partisan and its main and only goal is to gain and garner American support for the State of Israel. It embraces both Jews and Gentiles. It takes our political leaders on both the right and the left and center to Israel. It advocates for Israel in an increasing hostile and anti-Israeli world.

I learned so much on my trip this summer to Israel. I learned from the people we met including right wing settlers and those from the Peace Now movement in Israel. We met members of Knesset from every party and every background. We met government leaders and diplomats. We met Palestinians and Israelis. We visited the Foreign Ministry and a cultural arts center in Haifa that builds bridges between Arabs and Jews. We visited the hospital in S'fat that is treating Syrian refugees who have been injured in the fighting in Syria and we visited with journalists and business leaders.

And what became crystal clear to me, that in a world of increasing Anti-Semitism and anti-Israel sentiment, we as American Jews cannot let Israel be under such attack. Whether you agree with the government policies or not, whether you would vote for the present Prime Minister or not is not the question. The question is are you ready to stand up side by side with your fellow Jews to ensure a Jewish, democratic Israel remains strong and continues to have the support of the United States.

As the Middle East realigns politically, and as ISIS continues it's march to conquer Syria and Lebanon on Israel's borders, Israel needs each of us to continue to advocate here at home with our Congress members and Senators.

Take some time this summer [to call your Congress person who is home on recess](#) and find out if he or she voted to authorize more funds for Iron Dome that the President recently signed. If so thank them and tell them how important it is to you to keep Israel strong.

Iron Dome saved my life this summer. And it saved many, many Israeli lives as well. You can do something. Give it a try.

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)

**HURRY AND FILL UP YOUR OLD TZEDAKAH CANS SO YOU CAN PICK UP THE NEW GUATEMALA SPECIAL EDITION!**




Evan Kohn, Rabbi Denise Eger, and Josh Weinman enjoy the Gay Games in Cleveland last weekend.


**WORSHIP SERVICES THIS FRIDAY  
August 15, 2014 at 8:00 PM  
with Rabbi Denise Eger**

**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](#)

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>



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

**PILLAR 3 MEETING**  
***Creating Jews for Life***  
Tuesday, August 19, 2014  
7:00 PM AT KOL AMI

**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 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, August 28, 2014 at 7:00 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) Hope to see you there!

### **Congregation Kol Ami has a vital resource for our community family members**

Parenthood is the most challenging job that exists, and allowing a very young child autonomy and a growing sense of a separate self is one of the most complicated tasks for

## 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 ToddShotz, 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.

All classes on Sunday from 6:00-8:00pm --  
Sept 7, Sept 14, Sept 21

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](mailto:todd@hebrewhelpers.com).

## Calendar

### **Wednesday, August 12, 2014**

7:00 PM Intro to Judaism

### **Friday, August 15, 2014**

8:00 PM Shabbat Services with Rabbi Denise Eger

### **Saturday, August 16, 2014**

12:00 PM Yoga

### **Sunday, August 17, 2014**

9:00 AM Board of Trustees Retreat

### **Monday, August 18, 2014**

7:00 PM A Wider Bridge - Yiscah Smith in Los Angeles - LGBT Center

### **Tuesday, August 19, 2014**

7:00 PM Pillar 3 Meeting - Creating Jews for Life

### **Wednesday, August 19, 2014**

7:00 PM Intro to Judaism

### **Friday, August 22, 2014**

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

## Volintourism - Guatemala 12/25/14

parents. Parents build on their own knowledge and develop their vital role. Resources for Infant Educators (RIE) can support you as you and your child grow and learn. Can that be made easier? Yes, it can!

*What does it mean to allow a child to become?*

*Can a parent look within the child for answers to the child's being?*

*How will you become the parent you imagine you want to be?*

During the weekly RIE Certified Parent-Infant Guidance® classes for families with children from birth to age two, in a small group of parents and babies or toddlers of similar age and stage, you may:

- \* *Learn to see babies in ways that empower you and your child;*
- \* *Come to understand them as competent human beings;*
- \* *Help support the growth of your baby's natural abilities from birth.*

"I'm finding out much more about myself and my potential to grow through my introduction to Magda Gerber's RIE Approach." "RIE has given me so many ways to help both myself and my child feel our respective feelings." Mother of two year-old son

Infant - toddler specialist Elizabeth Memel, M.A., RIE Associate, has been instructing adult education programs for infant caregivers since 1985. Parents are invited to observe a class at no charge. Please go to [www.authenticbabies.com](http://www.authenticbabies.com) or call 323-651-0022 for more



In addition to explore the rich Mayan culture and history, we've planned a meaningful experience based on Jewish Values. There will be opportunities to take children on field trips to the local zoo, or area parks and historic sites that they would not otherwise have an opportunity to visit.

If you have a talent, such as drawing and art, you can lead a workshop, tutor in English or help kids in the computer lab. We'll also have Shabbat with the local Jewish community. Please fill a special Tzedakah can, make a donation or purchase a Kippah to support Tikkun Olam today.

These beautiful and bright Kippot are \$20 each To purchase yours today or for more information about our Tikkun Olam trip to Guatemala, please call the Temple office at 323-606-0996.



## YISCAH SMITH IN LOS ANGELES

A Wider Bridge is proud to host the renowned Jewish and transgender educator from Israel, Yiscah Sara Smith.

Monday August 18, 2014 at 7pm.  
Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center  
1125 N. McCadden Place (Room 111)  
Los Angeles, CA 90038

Yiscah Sara Smith, author of the book "Forty Years in the Wilderness: My Journey to Authentic Living," is a renowned Jewish educator and

information.

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](http://www.rabbieger.wordpress.com)

spiritual mentor, both in Jerusalem and Seattle. Yiscah's life has been an inspiring and courageous journey of the joy and struggles of her own spirituality, gender identity, and commitment to living true to herself. In her own words, "The story I want to tell is my story of a man, facing his truth, embracing the woman she was always meant to be and returning to her faith with wholeness and authenticity." Yiscah's story is important for everyone to hear and will inspire and empower others who face seemingly insurmountable obstacles to wholeness in their lives.

Read more about Yiscah and her new book, and view other speaking dates in America [here](#)



Yiscah Smith

The evening is co-sponsored by Eshel, BCC, Kol Ami and JQ Intl.



The Krouses visit the Donors Lounges during the 2009 Grandparents Trip, US Holocaust Memorial Museum.

**SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY**  
**2014 NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS TRIP**

November 15, 2014  
 8:30 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.

**CHAIRS**  
 Ann Wolk Krouse and Paul Krouse, *Chicago*

**CO-CHAIRS**  
 Margaret Singerman and  
 Dr. Lawrence Singerman, *Cleveland*  
 Sharyn and Walter Gertz, *Los Angeles*  
 Diane and Howard Wohl, *New York*

An optional DC landmarks tour will be offered on Friday, November 14, at an additional cost to be confirmed closer to the event date.

**JOIN US FOR THE 2014 NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS TRIP** to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC for a day of educational programs for grandparents and their grandchildren, featuring:

- Visits to the new special exhibition *Some Were Neighbors: Collaboration & Complicity in the Holocaust* and *Remember the Children: Daniel's Story*
- Guided tours of the Permanent Exhibition
- Behind-the-scenes activities and discussion sessions with Museum educators
- Overview of the Museum's latest initiatives
- Presentation by a Holocaust survivor
- Candlelighting ceremony

Lunch will be provided with a kosher option available.

*Programming is designed for ages 13 and older. Program fee is \$110 per person (including bus and lunch). A block of rooms has been reserved at the Macularia Oriental Washington DC (1330 Maryland Avenue, SW). Please make your hotel reservations as soon as possible, but no later than October 24. See 1003 page for reserved hotel room information.*

*Please complete and return the registration form on next page.*

[more >](#)

UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM  
 100 Raoul Wallenberg Plaza, SW Washington, DC 20024-2126 ushmm.org

**NEVER AGAIN**  
 WHAT YOU DO MATTERS  
 THE CAMPAIGN

For more information on the 2014 National Grandparents Trip [click here](#)

A WIDER BRIDGE PRESENTS

# 2014 LGBTQ ISRAEL MISSION

OCTOBER 21-30, 2014

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POWERFUL.  
FUN.  
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“What a magnificent gift to experience Israel exactly as we are”  
- Broch, Seattle

Join A Wider Bridge for our 4th annual trip for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and queer (LGBTQ) persons, partners, friends and allies. The 9 night journey takes us to the desert, Tel Aviv, the Galilee and Jerusalem, connecting modern Israeli life with our deep historical roots.

Pricing: \$2700 double occupancy. Single supplement is \$765  
For more info: [awiderbridge.org/israel-2014](http://awiderbridge.org/israel-2014)

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