

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

# Congregation Kol Ami E Koleinu

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**Shabbat Dinners in the Gan Shalom**

### Worship Services

Welcome home Cantor Saltzman!  
Please join us for Shabbat Services  
with Rabbi Eger and Cantor Saltzman

Friday, August 23, 2013 at 8:00 pm

Services are free and everyone is welcome

### NOTICE TO MEMBERS REGARDING RENEWALS

High Holy Day tickets have been mailed out. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please do so now and we will hold your tickets at will call. If you have any questions regarding your renewal, please call Ina Frank at 323/606-0996.



Come dine with us *al fresco* and stick around for services!

It's that time of year again! Every Friday this summer before services we will have our Shabbat "Bring your own" Dinner from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm in the Gan Shalom. We'll provide the challah and the wine.

Enjoy food, friendship, music and dining al fresco. We hope to see you there!

**Refuah Schlemah**

Please keep the following people in your prayers:  
Carey Loomis, Hillary Selvin, Lowell Selvin, Bob Weiner, Cathee Weiss

***Condolences***

*Our heartfelt condolences to Philip Lelyveld on the loss of his uncle, Edward Lelyveld*

**MAKE SURE YOU'RE RECEIVING YOUR KOL AMI EMAILS**

If you use GMAIL or YAHOO, there have been some changes which may affect

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BUY TICKETS PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE AT 323.606.0996 OR EMAIL: STAFF@KOL-AMI.ORG**

**SELICHOT**

**AUGUST 31, 2013 7:30 pm**

Kol Ami will be screening a wonderful film before our **Selichot** service/study session.

**Unetaneh Tokef**

The story of Yom Kippur on Kibbutz Beth Hashita

What happens to a small close-knit community when 11 of its members are buried in one day?

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According to eJewishPhilanthropy, Gmail is now separating your email into different sections, adding tabs, and placing mail from non-profits into the "promotions" tab, mixing them in with paid ads, making it easier to ignore.

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**Help us  
celebrate  
10 Years of Kol  
Ami SOVA  
Support**

**Food Drive  
SOVA**

**HELP US REFILL  
OUR BARRELS**



Please check our website or [click here](#) for more information

## Letter from the Ritual Committee of Kol Ami

High Holidays 5774

As members of our Kol Ami community we have had many changes over the past year, both good and bad, as well as much to celebrate. This has been a banner year with the Supreme Court ending DOMA and marriage equality restored in California. Even though the Supreme Court has ruled in our favor, yet has ruled against others in striking down the Voting Rights Act, it is a call that there is still more for us to do to build alliances, connections, and to strengthen and grow our own congregation. So with this spirit of celebration, it can be viewed as advantageous that the High Holidays 5774 will be with us sooner than usual. S'lichot on August 31st, wow!

Our services are moving once again eastward. We as the Kol Ami community have the honor to refresh and refocus for the High Holidays at the Japanese American Cultural Community Center. In addition to being air-conditioned, the location is convenient to the Gold Line, The Red Line, multiple freeways, ample parking at \$5.00 lots, and a meditation garden. Please check the web site [www.jacc.org](http://www.jacc.org), and the address is 244 S. San Pedro, Los Angeles, 90012. The address of the parking lot is 350 East 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

There are many volunteer opportunities as we blast the shofar in renewal and rededication, so please contact the temple office at 323/606-0996 and make a note of these dates:

Erev Rosh Hashanah - September 4th at JACCC  
Rosh Hashanah Day 1 - September 5th at JACCC  
Rosh Hashanah Day 2 - September 6th at Kol Ami  
Kol Nidre - September 13th - at JACCC  
Yom Kippur day - September 14th at JACCC

**Please return your ticket form and participation form as soon as possible.**

## **SOVA needs Tuna, Cereal, Toothpaste, and toothbrushes**

**We are always in need of personal toiletries, especially toothbrushes and toothpaste, razors and lotion. But right now our priority is Tuna and hot and cold cereal. Please pick up some tuna, toiletries and 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 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

## **SHANAH TOVAH**

### **SPECIAL THANKS TO:**

**JACK LEVIN for donating this beautiful Staghorn Fern in honor of Rabbi Eger's 25th year in the Rabbinate.**



**PETER MACKLER for donating this beautiful Challah board that he brought back from his last trip to Israel.**



**What a fun night! And the Dodgers won!**

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)

### 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



And we had a great time at the Autry Museum for the Jews in the Mosaic Exhibit last Sunday!



### CURIOS ABOUT JUDAISM?

Would you like to learn more about the basic traditions and customs of the Jewish people?

Let us teach you from the perspective of Reform Judaism. URJ's 18-week Introduction to Judaism course provides an entry point for people of all backgrounds to participate more comfortably in Jewish life.

This class introduces the fundamentals of Jewish thought and practice in 16-20 weeks. Topics include Jewish holidays and life cycle events, theology and prayer, Israel, history and Hebrew.

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, August 29, 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!

***Its Time to***

The course is organized around the major themes of Judaism, and around the holidays and events in the Jewish life cycle, including the following concepts:

- Birth
- Concepts of God
- Conversion to Judaism
- Death and Mourning
- Israel and Zionism
- Jewish Culture
- Jewish History
- Jewish Holidays
- Marriage/Partnership and Family
- Personal Responsibility
- Repentance and the Path of Righteousness
- Worship and Spirituality

Where: Congregation Kol Ami  
When: Tuesday nights 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
Begins August 20, 2013

For more information or to sign up click here:  
<http://www.reformjudaism.org>



## MAZEL TOV



**Stan Berkman and Chris Murphy  
on your engagement**



**Jeremy and Sarah Gimbel  
on the birth and brit milah of your son ARI CALEB**

**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.

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

**Rabbi Eger  
Online!**



**Eric Bauman**  
**on being ranked #35 on Capitol Weekly's Top 100**  
**To read more on this accomplishment [click here](#)**

**Calendar**

**Wednesday, August 21, 2013**

7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

**Friday, August 23, 2013**

6:30 pm Picnic dinner in Gan Shalom

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

**Tuesday, August 27, 2013**

7:00 pm Ritual Committee Meeting

7:00 pm Intro to Judaism

**Thursday, August 29, 2013**

7:00 pm Game night at Triangle square

**Friday, August 30, 2013**

6:30 pm Picnic dinner in Gan Shalom

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

**Saturday, August 31, 2013**

7:30 pm Unetaneh Tokef Screening

9:00 pm Selichot services with Rabbi Eger and Cantor Saltzman

**REGISTER NOW!**  
**PLEASE JOIN TEAM KOL AMI**




**Click here to join our team**

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](#)

Parshat Ki Tavo  
Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8  
Rabbi Denise L. Eger

Everyone loves a good story. Whether a quick witted joke or long epic novel, stories are the way we human beings relate to one another. It is the way we learn what to do or what not to do. Stories help us place ourselves in the timeline of history.

In this week's Torah portion we come across a story that each and every Jew will recall is part of our Passover Seder.

My ancestor was a wandering Aramean who went down to Egypt and sojourned there, few in number; and he became there a nation, great, mighty, and populous. And the Egyptians dealt ill with us, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage. And we cried to Adonai the God of our ancestors, and God heard our voice, and saw our affliction, and our toil, and our oppression. And Adonai brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great might, and with signs, and with wonders. And God has brought us into this place, and has given us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And now, behold, I have brought the first of the fruit of the land, that You, Adonai, have given me."

This excerpt from the book of Deuteronomy was part of an ancient ritual in the Temple in Jerusalem. You would bring the first fruits of your harvest on Shavuot, the Feast of Weeks and set your basket down on the altar; bow to God and recite the above passage and then feast with the priest and your family and any strangers in your midst on the fruit dedicated to God. This was a celebration of the abundance of the land and the blessing God bestowed upon you in the land.

But reciting the story before the celebration in this elaborate ritual places you in an historical chain. It puts you in the midst of the story of redemption. It happened to your ancestors. God miracles were alive for your ancestors and thus the bounty of the harvest is the miracle in your time.

This passage still is part of our Passover story and the story of the Exodus. And who doesn't love a good story with miracles, like the parting of the Red Sea and thunder and lightning and plagues that descend upon the land. It certainly worked well for Cecil B. DeMille and Charlton Heston on the big screen in the movie "The Ten Commandments".

As we approach the High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur the question remains will you be part of this story? Will you commit yourself to coming and sharing your history, your journey through the past year with the Jewish community? Or will you sit

on the side lines? Will you come and give thanks for the abundance in your own life as our ancestors did?

Your story matters. I hope to see you at the High Holy Days so we can share a story together.

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