

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

August 27, 2014

1 Elul 5774

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Please join Rabbi Eger and Cantor Saltzman for Shabbat Services Friday, August 29, 2014 at 8:00 PM

Calendar

Friday, August 29, 2014

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

Saturday, August 30, 2014

YOGA CANCELLED

Monday, September 1, 2014

LABOR DAY - Temple Closed

Wednesday, September 3, 2014

7:00 PM Intro to Judaism

Friday, September 5, 2014

6:45 PM Early Shabbat Services with Neal Zaslavsky

Saturday, September 6, 2014

12:00 PM Yoga

Sunday, September 7, 2014

9:00 AM Religious School at Temple Emanuel

2:00 PM Social Justice Open House

6:00 PM Adult Hebrew class with Todd Shotz

The new month of Elul began on Monday night of this week. Elul is the last month of 5774 and with its arrival we start to turn our hearts and minds and souls toward the High Holy Days. In some synagogues the shofar is sounded each morning during daily worship. In other communities, special meditations, psalms, and prayers are read daily. Each is a call to repent from transgressions and sins in preparation for the New Year and the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur.



As Elul unfolds around us this is a good time for each of us to begin the process of cheshbon hanefesh, taking an accounting of our soul. It is time for each of us to ask the big questions. What relationships need repair? What can I do better in the year to come? How will I achieve and follow through with my goals? How can I be a better Jew? A better person? What must I change? How will I change? Our Torah portion this week, Shoftim, tells us "You must be wholehearted before God" (Deuteronomy 18:13). This means we must be sincere in our relationship with the Divine, with the Holy.

[\[read more...\]](#)

Refuah Schlemah

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Bonnie Anderson

Tom Royer
Jules Selvin
Lowell Selvin
Edie Siteman
Bob Weiner

CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolences to Bernie Goldberg and David Bernstein on the death of Bernie's brother Alvin. Funeral and Shiva will be held in New York.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL BEGINS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7,
2014 AT 9:00 am

Kol Ami is once again teaming up with Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills for our wonderful joint Religious School.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more detailed information.
[CLICK HERE](#) to register.

Please remember - your Kol Ami membership dues must be current when registering for religious school. We look forward to seeing everybody back on September 7th!

NEW KOL AMI GRIEF GROUP FORMING



Kol Ami will be 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



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR BEAUTIFUL HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES AGAIN THIS YEAR AT THE JAPANESE AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES.*

Please make sure you have renewed your membership so that your tickets will arrive on time. If you would like to order more tickets you can purchase them online [here](#) or in the mail.

Please check our [website](#) for times and prices

Erev Rosh Hashanah Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at 8PM
Rosh Hashanah Thursday, September 25, 2014 at 10AM
Kol Nidre Friday, October 3, 2014 at 8PM
Yom Kippur Saturday, October 4, 2014 at 10AM

We will be home at Kol Ami for
2nd Day Rosh Hashanah and Healing/Neilah Services.

SELICHOT

September 20, 2014 7:30 PM
A NIGHT AT THE IMPROV...

Begin the New Year with a night of Improvisational Midrash. Rabbi Eger and Marc Purchin will help us create Midrash to understand the Biblical stories related to the High Holy Days. This is an interactive evening with Havdalah. The evening concludes with our Rooftop Selichot Services at 9:15 PM.



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 Todd Shotz, who has been teaching Hebrew for over 20 years. This class is appropriate

with the passing of time, sometimes called unattended grief, this group is for you.

Temple member Larry Levi will be the facilitator; he trained at Our House, a grief support center in West LA, and co-led grief support groups at that facility for three years. Additionally, he has worked as a volunteer specialist at Camp Erin, a grief support camp for children sponsored by Our House.

Larry is a licensed psychotherapist, but this support group is not group therapy and is not a substitute for therapy - although that can be beneficial when one is grieving. The philosophy of this group, derived from the Our House philosophy is three-fold: it helps to share grief in healing ways; it is important to ask for help from others; it is beneficial to honor and maintain a loving connection to the memory of the person who died.

Please RSVP to Larry 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 from 8-9:30pm, starting October 7th.

For more information:
<http://www.ourhouse-grief.org/>
<http://www.larrylevi.net/grief/>
<http://www.larrylevi.net/blog/>

PLEASE remember to bring

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.

Class Schedule:

Sunday, September 7, 2014 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Sunday, September 14, 2014 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Sunday, September 21, 2014 6:00 -8:00 PM

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.



SOCIAL JUSTICE
 OPEN HOUSE | KOL AMI | 09/07 | 2p-8p

JEWS in the LOS ANGELES

Join us for a Social Justice Open House on September 7th.

2 - 4:30 pm

- You'll hear from local social justice organizations speaking on Jewish values, human rights and community events.
- Enjoy live music and delicious food truck fare.
- Get artsy in our impromptu craft studio.

5 - 8 pm

- Stay for the screening of the transgender rights film, "Just Gender" and the panel of speakers following.
 (This is a special collaboration with Marriage Equality USA)

Additional parking is available at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts from 5 pm to 8 pm.

Westside Synagogue Collaborative Hartman Lecture Series

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

HELP US REFILL OUR BARRELS



SOVA needs **disposable razors, canned pasta, canned soup and peanut butter**. Please pick some of these on your next shopping trip to donate to SOVA.

PLEASE JOIN US

Kol Ami will be meeting at SOVA the 2nd Sunday of each month.

NEXT DATE:

Sunday
September 14, 2014
8:30 AM - NOON

LOCATION:

1140 N. La Brea
West Hollywood, 90038
(1 block south of the synagogue)

Please notify Ed Casson at:

ecasson@gmail.com

if you are interested in joining us or for other volunteer opportunities at SOVA.

Thank you and remember, SOVA is here to serve you if you are in need. For more information, please visit their website at: jfsla.org/sova

Please note: Kol Ami is a co-sponsor - these lectures are free for Kol Ami members

**Inside, Outside, In Between:
Jewish Peoplehood Today**

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, and how does peoplehood rank in the hierarchy of Jewish values?

These questions, and others, are topics the Jewish community of the Los Angeles will explore as the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America partners with synagogues across the Westside for a cross-denominational lecture series. The Hartman Westside Synagogue Collaborative Lecture Series will feature senior scholars of the Hartman Institute addressing core ideas of contemporary Jewish life such as:

- Loyalty: How do we balance between loyalty to ourselves and our communities, and obligations to others?
- Boundaries: Who are the people in the "peoplehood?" How should we be thinking about inclusion, boundary-crossing, and belonging?
- Nation: What is the relationship between people and land?
- Family: How significant are the ties that bind us together, and how does peoplehood rank in the hierarchy of Jewish values?
- Presence: What does peoplehood look like in the public sphere?
- Values: What are the core principles and commitments that come with being a member of the Jewish people?

The six-part series will take place monthly from November to April on Sunday afternoons from 4-6 pm at various participating synagogues. Confirmed faculty members include Donniel Hartman, Yehuda Kurtzer, Micah Goodman, Yossi Klein Halevi, Elana Stein Hain, and Lauren Berkun.


Series dates: November 2, 2014; December 14, 2014; January 11, 2015; February 8, 2015; March 8, 2015; April 19, 2015.


There is no registration fee for Kol Ami members. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to register.


It's not too late to sign up for class.
New students can [sign up until September 10](#), 2014.

Rabbi Eger Online!

Did you know Rabbi Eger has her own personal blog?

 There are new posts every day, 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](#)

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


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.

Voluntourism Guatemala 12/25/14 - 01/03/15



The 10-day journey will include meeting local families and learning about their customs & beliefs and volunteering to improve their world. We hope by raising awareness of the poverty that exists, we will inspire, motivate and transform.

Everyone handles their own air transportation and is responsible for the following costs (includes hotel accommodations, land transportation, food, construction materials and excursions):

- \$900/person double occupancy
- \$250/family donation for Mitzvah Work
- \$425/children or \$525/children with adult meals

participate is Thursday, August 28, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

For more information, please contact Kol Ami member Howard Goldin at: hjg1217@aol.com or Bill Gallimore, GMCLA Gives Back at: billgallimore@aol.com
Hope to see you there!

Deposit of \$500/adult, \$200/child is due to the office by October 1, 2014, the balance is due no later than December 1, 2014.

We'd love to have as many community members join us on this trip as possible - if you are interested or have questions please email [David Glickman](mailto:David.Glickman@kolami.org). Detailed information and the forms for the trip are available [online](#).

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

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



Do you like to shop? Would you like to help Kol Ami just by shopping?

Here are 2 simple ways to help Kol Ami just by shopping!

1. RALPHS COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM

- Ralphs will designate a portion of your grocery bill to Kol Ami, but only if you register.
- The term lasts for one year, so even if you registered last year, you need to sign up again.
- First you must register your Ralphs Card by clicking [here](#)
- After you register your Ralphs card, please click [community](#) and you are on your way.

2. AMAZON SMILE

- Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.
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- Support your charitable organization by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com.

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