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

**August 6, 2014**

10 Av 5774

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### **Refuah Schlemah**

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Rick Leed  
David Kruskall  
Iris Levine  
Tom Royer  
Henry Schaumburg  
Lowell Selvin  
Edie Siteman  
Henry Somerfeld  
Bob Weiner

Dear Friends:

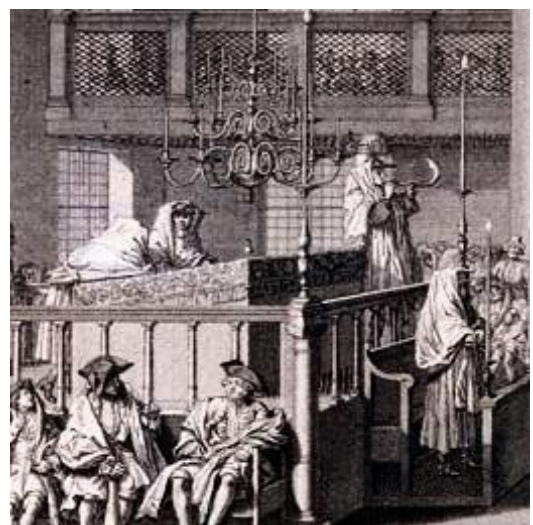
We hope you are having wonderful summers and enjoying this gorgeous weather!

Your minds may not yet have turned towards Fall and the High Holy Days, but here in the office, ours have. This year Rosh Hashanah begins on Wednesday, September 24th, and Yom Kippur begins Friday, October 3rd.

We are excited to be led in services this year again by Rabbi Denise Eger, Cantor Mark Saltzman, and 'no longer our intern but still Student Rabbi' Jeremy Gimbel.

And this year we'll have a taste of both "away" and "home" - we'll be at the Japanese American Cultural Center again this year for Erev Rosh Hashanah, Rosh Hashanah first day, Kol Nidre, and Yom Kippur morning - and we'll be home at Kol Ami for Rosh Hashanah second day, and Yom Kippur afternoon/Neilah.

We are getting all geared up for the High Holy Days (beginning with Selichot on September 20). Please be sure to get your membership forms back to the office, and keep an eye out for our first High Holy Day mailing.



The Sounding of the Shofar on Rosh Hashanah illustration circa 1733 by Bernard Picart

**PLEASE remember to bring 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 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  
August 10, 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.

**WORSHIP SERVICES THIS FRIDAY**  
**August 8, 2014 at 8:00 PM**  
**with Rabbi Denise Eger**  
**and guest Cantor Rebekah Mirsky**



"One of my deepest desires is to impart upon people what I think is the great beauty of many of the Jewish traditions. Sometimes it takes a little work to understand why these rituals can lend life depth and meaning. These are not things that are meant to be kept separate from our regular life but to be incorporated daily-or at the very least weekly-to enhance and enrich our existence."

**-Cantor Rebekah Mirsky**

To learn more about Cantor Rebekah Mirsky click [here](#)

SOME PLACES OF INSPIRATION...  
HAWAII... YOSEMITE... JERUSALEM... THE GRAND CANYON...

**INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM COURSE**

Find inspiration in the wisdom and traditions of Judaism. Our INTRO courses are for everyone interested in learning more about Judaism and its traditions.

An INTRO TO JUDAISM course taught by Rabbi Sabine Meyer starts on Wednesday, August 6, 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.

 The logo for the Union for Reform Judaism, featuring a stylized menorah and the text "UNION FOR REFORM JUDAISM" and "SERVING REFORM CONGREGATIONS IN NORTH AMERICA".

**PILLAR 1 MEETING**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2014**  
**6:30 PM AT KOL AMI**

**Calendar**

**Wednesday, August 6, 2014**


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)

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




### **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!

7:00 PM Intro to Judaism

**Friday, August 8, 2014**

8:00 PM Shabbat Services with Rabbi Denise Eger and Guest Cantor Rebekah Mirsky

**Saturday, August 9, 2014**

12:00 PM Yoga

12:15 PM HIV+ Shabbat lunch

**Monday, August 11, 2014**

6:30 PM Pillar 1 meeting

### **GET YOUR KIPPAH ON!**



Beneath a shade tree in the Guatemalan highlands, women gather to weave. They talk and laugh as they interlace brightly colored threads on simple backstrap looms, virtually identical to the looms their Mayan ancestors used some 1,200 years ago. These women are making artisan yarmulkes that we are selling to raise Tzedakah so we can purchase supplies to build a house during our Kol Ami Mission to Guatemala December 25, 2014 through January 3, 2015.

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

### **RABBI ON THE TOWN**

In the past month, Rabbi Eger has participated in these activities:

- Attended Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem.
- Taught as a Rabbinic Fellow in a session on inclusion and

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## 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

Shanah Tova! ...ok, maybe a little early

diversity in the synagogue.

- Article in the Jewish Journal on being in Israel during the war.
- Spoke at the Jewish Community Rally for the 3 Israeli teenagers, Gilad, Naftali and Eyal.
- Participated in the first AIPAC Rabbinic mission to Israel
- Participated in the American Jewish Archives study mission in the life of Rabbi Regina Jonas and helped dedicate a memorial plaque at Terezin.
- Attended the Valley Jewish community rally in support of Israel.

## DONATIONS

We give thanks to the following people who made donations during the month of July:

### General Fund

**Edward Casson** - in honor of Esther Baum's ongoing generous and continuing support of SOVA

**Lois & Michael Fanelli** - in honor of Herb Schultz & Stuart Leviton's wedding

**Larry Gursin** - in honor of Rabbi Eger's wonderful dispatches from Israel

**Helen Hackworth** - in honor of Alan and Liz Rosen and the Rosen family; Funds to help out with costs from Tesla accident

**Glenn Rosenblum & Mark Freeman** - in memory of Reva Solomon's cousin, Jerry Solomon

**Josh Weinman**

### Tzedakah Fund

**Johanna Schor**

### Yahrzeit

**Martin Freedman** - in memory of his mother, Pearl Freedman

**Vitaly Koshman** - in memory of his mother, Stanislava Koshman

**Barry Kummer** - in memory of his mother, Gertrude Kummer

**Barry & Karen Mason** - In memory of Barry's father, Seymour Mason

**Claudia Queen, Sheryl Sadeghi, & Lloyd Queen** - in memory of their father, Dr. Emil Queen

**Tobi Rosen & Tara Eisner** - in memory of Tobi's brother Julie "Chuck" Friedman

**Glenn Rosenblum & Mark Freeman** - in memory of Glenn's grandmother, Fanny Rosenblum

**Laura Sweetman & Jane Weisberg** - in memory of Jane's father and Sidney's grandfather, Sidney Weisberg

autonomy and a growing sense of a separate self is one of the most complicated tasks for 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



## 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 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.

class at no charge. Please go to [www.authenticbabies.com](http://www.authenticbabies.com) or call 323-651-0022 for more 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)

lgbt interfaith  
parents circle

A community for LGBTQ interfaith parents raising Jewish children in Greater Los Angeles: Education, Support, and Resources

[www.LGBTInterfaith.org](http://www.LGBTInterfaith.org)

Join us for our next 3 free sessions.  
Come to one, two, or all three!



### Monday, August 11, 2014

**Peaceful Family Time:** How incorporating elements from the Jewish Sabbath can positively inform your family's identity.



### Monday, August 18, 2014

**Making a Jewish Home:** How to enhance your home as a Jewish space the entire family can enjoy.



### Monday, August 25, 2014

**Being a Good Person:** How Jewish values instill a sense of social responsibility in children.



All sessions begin at 6:30 PM

The Village at Ed Gould Plaza

1125 N. McCadden Place, Los Angeles, CA 90038

Chilcare will be provided

For more info, please contact Rabbi Robin at [RPodolsky@JCI.org](mailto:RPodolsky@JCI.org)

The LGBT Interfaith Parents Circle offers the first of its kind parenting programs to LGBTQ couples who are raising, or are considering raising, Jewish children. The program will address topics such as Jewish culture and heritage, adoption and questions of origin, and fluidity of gender roles.



A WIDER BRIDGE PRESENTS

# 2014 LGBTQ ISRAEL MISSION

OCTOBER 21-30, 2014

INSPIRING.  
POWERFUL.  
FUN.  
SPIRITUAL.

"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)

Logos: jcc, CONGREGATION KOL AMI, BETH EL, Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, KESHET, nehirim, JQP, ESHELYVAK

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