

*"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

Please join us for Shabbat Services
Friday, August 9, 2013 at 8:00 pm

Services will be led by Rabbi Denise L. Eger
and special guest Cantor Aviva Rosenbloom

Services are free and everyone is welcome



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:
David Kruskall, Carey Loomis, Lowell Selvin, Bob Weiner, Cathee Weiss

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt condolences to Raul Cobian and Robert Bergstein on the loss of Raul's mother, Celia Castro Minjarez

Help us celebrate 10 Years of Kol Ami SOVA

CONGREGATION KOL AMI
WEST HOLLYWOOD'S REFORM SYNAGOGUE

HIGH HOLY DAYS NEW LOCATION
Downtown Los Angeles

SERVICES THIS YEAR WILL BE HELD AT THE BEAUTIFUL
JAPANESE AMERICAN CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY CENTER
244 S. San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

We look forward to worshipping together in this **air conditioned** venue.

5774 High Holy Days Service Schedule

ROSH HASHANAH - DAY ONE
At the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro Street:
Evening – Wednesday, September 4, 2013 at 8:00 pm
Morning – Thursday, September 5, 2013 at 10:00 am
Children's Service – Thursday, September 5, 2013 at 10:30 am

ROSH HASHANAH - DAY TWO
At our Temple, 1200 North La Brea Avenue:
Morning – Friday, September 6, 2013 at 10:00 am

YOM KIPPUR
At the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro Street:
Kol Nidre – Friday, September 13, 2013 at 8:00 pm
Morning/Yizkor* – Saturday, September 14, 2013 at 10:00 am
Children's Service – Saturday, September 14, 2013 at 10:30 am
Healing/Neilah – Saturday, September 14, 2013 at 3:30 pm

**PLEASE NOTE THE YIZKOR SERVICE WILL BE HELD THE MORNING OF YOM KIPPUR*
Rabbi Denise L. Eger, Cantor Mark Saltzman and Student Rabbi Jeremy Gimbel will conduct the worship services.

For ticket information visit our website at www.kol-ami.org or call the office at 323.606.0996.

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

MAZEL TOV
on your wedding
STEVE EBIN AND AMANDA WALDO



MAZEL TOV
Michael Zeldin
on the birth of your grandson
Liam Yonah Zakai

Support

Food Drive
SOVA

HELP US REFILL
OUR BARRELS



**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:

July 29, 2013



Jews in the Los Angeles Mosaic



Tour the Autry Museum

Explore how a growing Jewish community settled, prospered, and helped shape the economy, politics, and culture of a city—and how the diversity and dynamism of Los Angeles have transformed the local Jewish community for the past 160 years.

This groundbreaking exhibition is the story of neighborhoods like Boyle Heights and Fairfax, people like Billy Wilder, Max Factor, and Frank Gehry, and linchpin industries like the movies and suburban land development. See how Jews helped change the region by recruiting the Brooklyn Dodgers, inventing the Barbie doll, and joining other Angelenos in electing the city's first African American mayor.

Featuring more than 150 stories, documents, objects, and images of family, community, and society, Jews in the Los Angeles Mosaic highlights how the history of Jews in Los Angeles is at once familiar—one of the many in the cultural mosaic of the city—and unique.

Sunday August 18, 2013 1:00 pm–3:00 pm
Join Rabbi Eger at the Autry at 12:30 pm for a docent tour of the History of Los Angeles.

RSVP A MUST

\$18/person in advance to Kol Ami.

To purchase tickets [click here](#)

There is space for 24

Parking is free

SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 31, 2013 7:30 pm

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

Sunday
August 11, 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 8:30 to noon, followed by lunch. Please notify Social Action co-chair Sam Fibish at: samguy@att.net 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

**Torah Study
 with Rabbi**

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?

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

Calendar

Friday, August 9, 2013

6:30 pm Picnic dinner in Gan Shalom
 8:00 pm Shabbat Services with Rabbi Eger and Cantor Aviva Rosenbloom

Saturday, August 10, 2013

12:15 pm HIV Shabbat lunch

Sunday, August 11, 2013

8:30 am SOVA
 4:00 pm Mixed Media Art show "Heartfelt" by Reva Solomon

Tuesday, August 13, 2013

7:00 pm Ritual Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 14, 2013

7:10 pm Dodgers vs. Mets, Kol Ami night at Dodger Stadium

Friday, August 16, 2013

6:30 pm Picnic dinner in Gan Shalom
 8:00 pm Shabbat Services with Rabbi Eger and Cantor Patti Linsky

From Kol Ami Board of Trustees:

Every new fiscal year we reconstitute the committees at Kol Ami. We invite those who would like to be considered for a committee to contact Ina Frank at the Temple office. If you have been on a committee in the past and want to serve in the coming year please make sure to express your continued interest by also contacting Ina Frank. Ina's email address is: ifrank@kol-ami.org

The Committees for this year are:

Development
 Finance
 Membership
 Ritual
 Social Action

CURIOUS ABOUT JUDAISM?

Eger
Will resume in
October 2013

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 GLEH's Triangle Square! Join us 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.

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.

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>



ART SHOW AT KOL AMI

Please join mixed-media artist and Temple member, Reva Solomon, at "Heartfelt," the reception/benefit for her first solo art show/sale on **Sunday, August 11th from 4 pm - 6 pm** in the lobby of Congregation Kol Ami.



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 or Bill Gallimore, GMCLA Gives Back at: billgallimore@aol.com.

We hope to see you there!

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.

Her eclectic Judaic and heart-themed mixed-media works include the use of vintage and found objects, acrylics on canvas and assemblage pieces.

There will be a variety of price range for artwork and 10% of all sales will be donated to Congregation Kol Ami to the General Fund in honor of Rabbi Eger's 25th anniversary of serving as Rabbi. Wine/soft drinks with a light fare will be served. Please spread the word and invite all your friends and come help Reva celebrate.

Parshat Shoftim
Deuteronomy 16:18-22:1:9
Rabbi Denise L. Eger

The future king has arrived. Infant George, son of Kate and Prince William arrived with the flashes of the paparazzi's cameras and the cheers of the throngs waiting outside Buckingham Palace. He is perhaps one of the most talked about children in the world and the hopes and dreams of many are wrapped up in that tiny little baby. So much hoopla over something that won't happen for many, many decades. After all the same was true when Prince Charles was born and he is still waiting to be king at the tender age of 64! I wish the new royal parents, grandparents and great-grandparents a hearty Mazal Tov!

In July Belgium also got a new King. King Philippe I, 53 years of age, became king after his father Albert, 79, abdicated in favor of his son. Belgium like the United Kingdom is a constitutional monarchy. The Prime Minister is the head of the government.

As Jews, we have had an interesting relationship with monarchy. The Israelites begged Samuel the prophet for a king. Reluctantly God and Samuel agreed and thus began a long line of Jewish kings, Saul, David and Solomon. And then the kingdoms divided north and south and there were two kings for every period until the Assyrians carried away the northern tribes and eventually the Babylonians carried away the southern tribes. The monarchy was restored much later by Maccabees and the Hasmonean dynasty was born until Rome came and put Herod on the "Jewish" throne. But we Jews have always had an ambivalent relationship with human kings because our tradition teaches that God is sovereign over all. No earthly King or Queen for that matter (and we had at least one queen in our history - Queen Salome Alexandra plus of course Queen Esther -although she was in Persia), has the authority and power of the Divine. Egyptians royalty were considered gods. Jewish royalty were clearly human and subservient to a Higher Power.

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!

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

This week's Torah portion Shoftim gives instructions to anyone who would become Jewish royalty- a Jewish King. This reminds them precisely of their humanity and its words serve as a check on power, a check on ego, and tries to remind the individual that their responsibility is to lead an ethical life, rather than one of riches.

The Jewish king is warned in Deuteronomy not to amass riches, not to amass too many horses for his army, nor too many wives!

Instead a Jewish King (or Queen) must do the following; "It shall be that when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself two copies of this Torah in a book, from before the Kohanim, the Levites. It shall be with him, and he shall read from it all the days of his life, so that he will learn to fear Adonai his God, to observe all the words of this Torah and these decrees, to perform them so that his heart does not become haughty over his brethren and not turn from the commandment right or left, so that he will prolong years over his kingdom, he and his children amid Israel." (Deuteronomy 15:15-17).

The Torah has a view that a Jewish monarch shall be a Torah scholar! This is a completely different model for a monarchy! The ruler must study and observe the tradition. The monarch must understand her/his place in the world. Jewish king or queen must not "lord it over her/his subjects". But is in truth one with the people. This emphasis elevates the the Jewish ideal that all are created in the Divine image, B'tzelem Elohim. The Torah's emphasis on justice and loving kindness applies not just to everyday common folk but to the king/queen as well. Jewish royalty must have humility. Jewish royalty are not Gods and goddesses. We believe that there is only One God. Anything else is idolatry. This is in direct opposition to the view of monarchs in the ancient world- who amass armies, and who execute justice at their whim and conquer other nations.

For the Jewish Kings and Queens throughout our history, they didn't always pay attention to this passage in Deuteronomy. King Saul did amass a large army and many horses and his exploits are well documented in our Bible. Also true for King David and King Solomon both who had many wives and many children. And so too for the other kings of Israel and Judea. Perhaps that is why ultimately a Jewish monarchy didn't survive, because they didn't follow the advice to be Torah scholars rather than warriors. Thankfully today there is no "King of the Jews". And instead whether here in North America or Israel democracy is the form of government that has allowed our people to thrive. So too for England and Belgium where the monarchs must uphold the Constitution and there is a democratically elected parliament. But we ought to remember that the emphasis on the study of our Torah, our spiritual constitution is always in order whether we are kings, queens or common folk.

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