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Refuah Schlemah

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

- Aaron Aronow
- Rick Leed
- Iris Levine
- Frank Peck
- Tom Royer
- Henry Schaumburg
- Lowell Selvin
- Henry Somerfeld
- Andy Traines
- Bob Weiner

Dear Sadie,

While Rabbi Eger is on Sabbatical, we are bringing you some different voices from around the congregation. This week, Board member David Glickman is excited to share with you about Pillar 2's social justice trip to Guatemala.

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to announce that Kol Ami is partnering with [Temple Beth Or](#) of Raleigh, NC on a Mission to Guatemala. I am coordinating the trip for Kol Ami in conjunction with Pillar II, "Transforming the World Using Jewish Values."



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.

We will participate in a variety of volunteer opportunities, share Daily Reflections with Rabbi Dinner, attend Shabbat services at [Adat Israel in Guatemala City](#), and experience a Mayan Fire Ceremony. There are also several organized guided tours and adventures. Our Mission will culminate with building two houses for families selected through a program of [Nueva Generacion](#).

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

HELP US REFILL OUR BARRELS



SOVA needs disposable razors, lotion, shampoo and conditioner. Also, canned tomatoes, tomato sauce, canned pasta, instant dry 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 if you are interested in joining us or for other volunteer opportunities at SOVA.

Tikkun Olam, which translates as repairing the world, is the concept that we are partners with *Adonai*, and we can repair and transform a broken world or people through social action and social justice. This *mitzvah* project is another way we in West Hollywood can have a global impact.

In conjunction with the Mission to Guatemala, we are launching a new *Tzedakah* Campaign; these funds will be donated to help provide building materials and supplies for the housing, medical supplies and other needs to the community in Antigua, outside of Guatemala City.

When you see our new *tzedakah* cans, please take one home or to your office, fill it up and bring it back! Also, we will be offering *kippot* for sale that have been woven by the women of Antigua. The proceeds from the sales of these *kippot* will go directly to support the Guatemala Mission Project. The travel dates are December 25, 2014 through January 3, 2015.

To donate now, please go to www.kol-ami.org, and for more information about different ways you can be involved in this project locally or if you are interested in traveling on the Mission, [please email me](#).

Thanks, David Glickman



Watch Rabbi Eger's last message from Israel


[click here](#)

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


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](#)

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



Reflections on being in Israel from The Jewish Journal July 15, 2014



It's different this time. Even though it seems that Israel has faced this kind of situation before with Gaza. It is different this time. The people of S'derot, Ashdod, and even Beer Sheva have bravely faced the barrage of rockets. Living and courageously carrying on their lives under the dangerous skies. Their normal is not normal. And no one we know in Los Angeles would be as brave as these communities have been.

But it's different this time because Hamas has amassed more sophisticated missiles and rockets. Nowhere in the country is free from the terror and the threat of hearing Red Alert Sirens.

I have been in Jerusalem for two weeks now. In part to attend the annual Rabbinic Torah Seminar at the Shalom Hartman Institute and then joining the first ever Rabbinic Mission to Israel sponsored by AIPAC. This has been an eye opening and heart wrenching time for me here in Israel. My Red Alert app chirps continuously warning me of incoming missiles and rockets.

When I arrived Eyal, Naftali and Gilad were still missing. And then within a day their bodies were finally discovered by the IDF, murdered in cold blood. I listened to the chilling Moked 100 call, Israel's 911, made by Gilad Shaar, jumping out of my own skin as the gun shots rang out silencing the three teens

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, July 31, 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!

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.

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

forever. Israel was a country in deep mourning with a million questions. For 18 days from their kidnapping...

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Calendar

Wednesday, July 16, 2014

7:00 PM Board of Trustees Meeting

Friday, July 18, 2014

6:00 PM Bring your own picnic dinner for dining on rooftop

7:00 PM Shabbat Services in Gan Shalom with Cantor Saltzman and Harpist Ellie Choate

Saturday, July 19, 2014

12:00 PM Yoga

Tuesday, July 22, 2014

7:00 PM Meditation

Friday, July 25, 2014

6:30 PM Bring your own picnic dinner for dining on rooftop

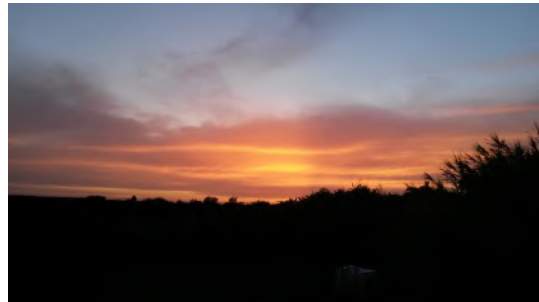
8:00 PM Shabbat Services with Jeremy Gimbel

THIS FRIDAY

Shabbat Under the Stars

July 18, 2014 7:00 PM

Bring your own Picnic Dinner 6:00 PM



Begin your weekend by enjoying the warm, summer weather as we dine together in the Gan Shalom with a meal of your own making (Challah and drinks provided by Kol Ami).

The beautiful strains of our own harpist, Ellie Choate, compete with our local West Hollywood ambulance sirens as a counterpoint to creating the elegant ambience for this very special Shabbat in the urban outdoors of the roof top garden.

This is a Shabbat made even more glorious by the setting sun to inspire us as we begin our services in a sublime meditation of nature. Sink into relaxation and inspiration with a Sabbath that is illuminated by the warm glow of candle light and twinkling stars.

spiritual experience of Kol Ami at home.

Read Rabbi Eger's sermons online at www.rabbieger.wordpress.com

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.



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

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 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 or call 323-651-0022 for more information.

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