



"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, July 26, 2013 at 8:00 pm

Services will be led by Rabbi Denise L. Eger
with 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:
Brian Garfield, David Kruskall, Lowell Selvin, Milton Singer, Bob Weiner, Cathee Weiss

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt condolences to Cantor Mark Saltzman and Walter Hubert on the loss of Walter's brother, Michael Hubert

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

HIGH HOLY DAYS NEW LOCATION

Downtown Los Angeles

SERVICES THIS YEAR WILL BE HELD AT THE BEAUTIFUL
JAPANESE AMERICAN CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY CENTER
224 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

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.



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

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:

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.



MEN OF KOL AMI (MOKA)

on receiving the J. Jacques Stone Award (under 100 members) for outstanding achievement from the **Men of Reform Judaism.**

OUTSTANDING COMMUNICATION PROGRAM : MRJ will recognize the brotherhood that best demonstrates it has conducted an outstanding Communications program (e.g., print, email, web sites, etc.) to effectively promote the local and national brotherhood movement to its members, prospective members, and the larger temple community.



KOL AMI NIGHT AT DODGER STADIUM



Dodgers vs Mets

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:

ifsla.org/sova

**Torah Study
 with Rabbi**

Please join Kol Ami at Dodger Stadium for a fun evening watching the LA Dodgers against the NY Mets.
 All are welcome.

Wednesday, August 14, 2013
 7:10 pm
 \$20 per ticket (limited ticket availability)

To purchase tickets [click here](#)

Calendar

Thursday, July 25, 2013

7:00 pm Game night at Triangle Square

Friday, July 26, 2013

6:30 pm Picnic Dinner in Gan Shalom

8:00 pm Shabbat Services with Rabbi Eger and special guest
 Cantor Aviva Rosenbloom

Friday, August 2, 2013

6:45 pm Shabbat Services with Rabbi Eger

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?

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.

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 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.

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>



SERVING REFORM CONGREGATIONS IN NORTH AMERICA

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 lynchpin industries like the movies and suburban land

Come volunteer,
brighten someone's
day and have a great
time doing so!

**Your next
opportunity to
participate is
THURSDAY,
July 25, 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.**

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

**Parshat Eikev
Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25
Rabbi Denise L. Eger**

I believe Judaism has ancient wisdom for our contemporary lives. That is why I study it, teach it and try to live a life of Jewish values and meaning. Judaism has spiritual depth that continues to speak to us in our day and time.

If we turn to this week's Torah portion, Eikev in Deuteronomy we can see that this ancient wisdom is sprinkled throughout.

"Beware that you forget not Adonai your God, in not keeping God's commandments and God's judgments and God's statutes, which are given you this day. Lest when you have eaten and are full and have built goodly houses and lived there and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; Then your heart be lifted up, and you forget Adonai your God, which brought you out of the Land of Egypt from the house of slavery.Ad it shall be, if you do forget Adonai your God, and walk after other gods and serve them, and worship them, I warn you solemnly this day that you shall surely perish." (Deuteronomy 8:11-19)

Why is this ancient wisdom that still speaks to us? Because it reminds us that if we forget our roots, if we begin to replace our God with the gods of money and wealth and take our eyes off of the life of the spirit, our Torah teaches us explicitly we will perish. It doesn't mean that God will send some punishment down from Heaven (I hope we are over that very childish view of God). But it means we perish because we will starve ourselves of the life of

the holy and the spirit. Our children will not thrive because their moral compass will be skewed. It means that we can subvert our own lives and future generations by how we walk the path of faith. If we forget our roots, our traditions, and yes what is unique about being Jewish, we as a people will vanish into the dust bins of history.

If we forget we are Jews. If we don't act and live out our Jewish lives consciously, connected to other Jews, building our faith by asking our hard questions, then our people will surely suffer and identity crisis and disappear. I wonder sometimes if we don't already see the beginning of that?

This week's Torah portion reminds us that it is okay to work hard, to be successful, to even acquire wealth but not to forget your roots at the bottom rung of society - slaves. Remember what it feels like to have nothing. Be compassionate and don't ever forget the role of the Holy Blessed One that gifted you with the talent and desire to achieve all you have. This week's Torah Portion, Eikev, reminds us that in addition to hard work, human beings, we Jews require a life of prayer, meditation and contemplation so that we can give voice and meaning to our fears and our hopes and dreams.

Ancient wisdom indeed!

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!

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