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

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Refuah Schlemah

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Aaron Aronow
Rick Leed
David Kruskall
Iris Levine
Tom Royer
Henry Schaumberg
Lowell Selvin
Edie Siteman
Henry Somerfeld
Andy Traines
Bob Weiner

We wanted to highlight an event happening tomorrow night - "Shoulder to Shoulder: A Community Gathering in Support of the People of Israel," at Valley Beth Shalom, 15739 Ventura Blvd., Encino 91436, Thursday, July 31st at 7:00 PM. (Please arrive early for security check-in.) As the sponsors note:

We are deeply connected to Israel and many individuals wish to show their support, love and concern for our Jewish homeland. Together, we will express our solidarity with prayers, songs and reflections from community leaders including Valley Beth Shalom's Senior Rabbi Ed Feinstein, who just returned from Israel.

We will be joined by Israeli Consul General David Siegel. And we will hear how we are providing relief and respite to those in harm's way from Chairman of the Board Les Bider and Federation President & CEO Jay Sanderson, currently on a solidarity mission in Israel.

There is no RSVP required for this open community event. On-site parking is available.

Please share this event widely and invite your friends to attend.

Condolences

Our sincere condolences to Reva Solomon on the death of her cousin, Jerry Solomon.

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



**WORSHIP SERVICES
THIS FRIDAY
August 1, 2014
6:45 PM**

**SHABBAT SERVICES
with JEREMY GIMBEL**



**5:45 PM Bring your own picnic dinner
We will provide the wine and challah**

Tisha B'Av with Reform CA

Monday, August 4, 2014, 6:45 - 9:00 pm
at University Synagogue, 11960 Sunset Blvd, Los Angeles

Text Study with Rabbi Richard Levy
Service led by Rabbi Joel Simonds
With participation by many Reform CA clergy and lay leaders

Reform congregations from throughout Los Angeles County will join together to observe Tisha B'Av, the 9th day of the month of Av. Tisha B'Av is a commemoration of the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and is a day that has been tied to many terrible moments of destruction for the Jewish people throughout our history. Today, we seek to understand our broken communities, the rifts between neighbors, and the destructions that we face daily, through this same lens. We do this not just to commemorate destruction, but to commit ourselves to acting in partnership with one another to repair


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.

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](https://twitter.com/deniseeger) or follow Kol Ami
[@KolAmiLA](https://twitter.com/KolAmiLA)

 And friend her on Facebook!
[Click Here](#)

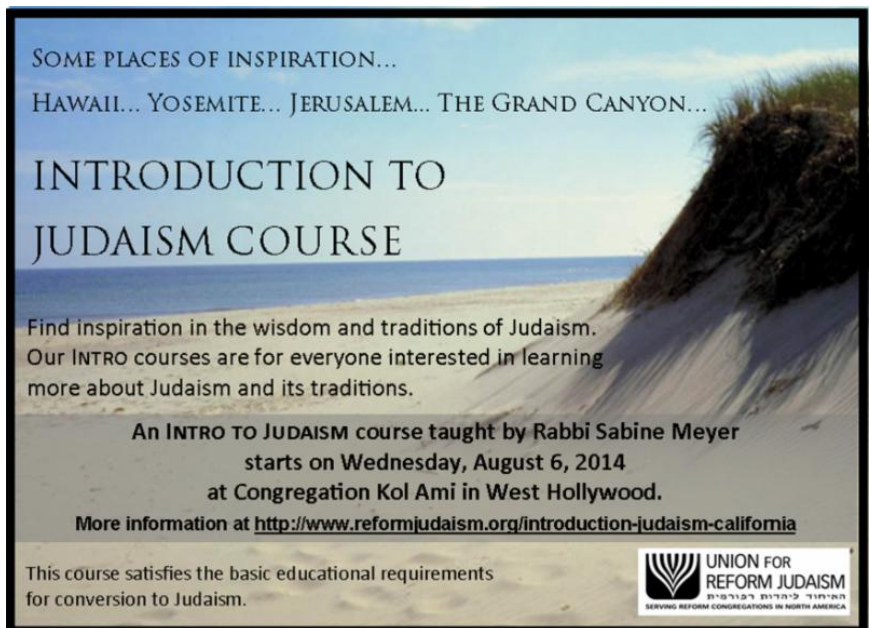
 Also don't forget to check into Kol Ami on Foursquare the next time you're at Temple! Check out our loyalty special!
[Click Here](#)

**Volunteers needed for
Game Night at Triangle Square**

and rebuild that which has been destroyed.

Join us for an evening of study, prayer, chanting from the Book of Eicha, and a chance to connect with one another to imagine together a more just and compassionate California and a world redeemed.

All are welcome - bring your friends and congregations!
Please RSVP to Rabbi Stephanie Kolin at skolin@urj.org



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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SERVING REFORM CONGREGATIONS IN NORTH AMERICA

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

Calendar

Thursday, July 31, 2014

7:00 PM Game night at Triangle Square

Friday, August 1, 2014

5:30 PM Bring your own picnic dinner for dining on rooftop

6:45 PM Early Shabbat Services with Jeremy Gimbel

Saturday, August 2, 2014

12:00 PM Yoga

Monday, August 4, 2014

6:45 Tisha B'Av with Reform CA

Tuesday, August 5, 2014

7:00 PM Meditation

Wednesday, August 6, 2014

7:00 PM Intro to Judaism

Friday, August 8, 2014



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, 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!

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

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



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.

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.

lgbt interfaith parents circle

You are invited to an evening of cocktails and conversation.

Thursday, July 31st at 6:00 PM

At the home of Asher Gellis
Echo Park, CA (Address provided upon RSVP)

Drinks and light appetizers will be provided.

To RSVP,
please click here

Please RSVP by Monday, July 28th

For more information, please contact Robin or RPodolsky@JQ.org or 213.841.6329, or visit lgbtinterfaith.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.

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TO RSVP [CLICK HERE](#)

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



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

LOVEFEST

LOVE IS A VARIED AND WONDROUS THING.
LOS ANGELES UNDER THE STARS.
HOT NIGHT, COLD DRINK IN HAND.
OLD FRIENDS AND ATTRACTIVE STRANGERS.

SATURDAY AUGUST 9 9PM - 12AM enter on **HARVARD** between 6th & **WILSHIRE** **TICKETS AT** wbtdla.org/lovefest **\$20 EACH or 2 FOR \$30**



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OCTOBER 21-30, 2014

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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

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