

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

Congregation Kol Ami E Koleinu

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Worship Services

Please join us for Shabbat Services
Friday, August 2, 2013 at 6:45 pm

Services will be led by Rabbi Denise L. Eger

Services are free and everyone is welcome

Shabbat Dinners in the Gan Shalom



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, 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**

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**

KOL AMI NIGHT AT DODGER STADIUM



Dodgers vs Mets
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**

Ami SOVA 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.

\$20 per ticket (limited ticket availability)

To purchase tickets [click here](#)

MAZEL TOV

on your wedding

NOAH STEIN AND EDUARDO DIAZ STEIN



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

NEXT DATE:
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

Parking is free

Calendar

Friday, August 2, 2013

6:45 pm Shabbat Services with Rabbi Eger

Friday, August 9, 2013

7:00 pm Picnic dinner in Gan Shalom

8:00 pm Shabbat Services with Rabbi Eger and Cantor Patty Linsky

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

7:00 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

ON THE TOWN

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

Spoke at the Graduation of the Shalom Hartman Rabbinic Leadership Initiative

Became a Senior Fellow of the Shalom Hartman Institute

with Rabbi
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

Attended the Rosh Chodesh Av service with the Women of the Wall in Jerusalem

Participated in the Central Conference of American Rabbis Executive Board

Wrote a piece on the overturning of Prop 8 that was published on RJ Blog and RavBlog and a different version that appeared in the Jewish Journal

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

General Fund

Alan & Sigrid Belinkoff Charitable Fund - in memory of Gerald Belinkoff

David Kaminski & Patrick Auerbach - in memory of Michael Hubert, brother of Walter Hubert

Jack Levin - wishing his friend Rosella Blunt a speedy and complete recovery, and a happy birthday

Loren Ostrow & Brian Newkirk - in honor of Laurie Lang and Debbie Koltun's engagement

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Emilie & Ross Bloom - in honor of Emilie's conversion to Judaism

Bruce Levenson and Dana Levenson Merfeld - in honor of Rabbi Eger's 25 years in the rabbinate

Jack Levin - in honor of Rabbi Eger's 25 years in the rabbinate

Brad and Shirley Selvin - in honor of Rabbi Eger's 25 years in the rabbinate

Amanda Waldo and Steve Ebin - in honor of their wedding

Oneg

Jack Levin - in memory of his brother in law, Reuben Steinman

Yahrzeit

Jerry Primack - in memory of his life partner, Tom Filauro

Jerry Primack - in memory of his niece, Donna Primack-Reijers

Elaine Newman Scholarship Fund

Chuck Pace - in memory of his wife, Elaine Newman

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

served.

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

**Your next
opportunity to
participate is
THURSDAY,
July 29, 2013
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

For more
information, please
contact Kol Ami
member Howard
Goldin
at hig1217@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

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.



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

while you're
here.

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.

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 Re'eh
Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17
Rabbi Denise L. Eger

This week's Torah portion reminds us of our obligations to the poor. In a time when we live in the gap between the 1 percent and those who live in poverty is greater than ever it is important to remind ourselves of the teachings of Judaism:

15:7 If there will be among you a needy person, from one of your brothers in one of your cities, in your land Adonai, your God, is giving you, you shall not harden your heart, and you shall not close your hand from your needy brother.

8. Rather, you shall open your hand to him, and you shall lend him sufficient for his needs, which he is lacking.

9. Beware, lest there be in your heart an unfaithful thought, saying, "The seventh year, the year of release has approached," and you will begrudge your needy brother and not give him, and he will cry out to Adonai against you, and it will be a sin to you.

10. You shall surely give him, and your heart shall not be grieved when you give to him; for because of this thing Adonai, your God, will bless you in all your work and in all your endeavors.

11. For there will never cease to be needy within the land. Therefore, I command you, saying, you shall surely open your hand to your brother, to your poor one, and to your needy one in your land.

Our Torah urges us to be attuned to the needs of those who have less than we do. Our Jewish philosophy is such that God blesses us with whatever wealth we have and it is our duty, our obligation and responsibility to ensure that we share with those that don't have. This is not a suggestion. Rather it is our responsibility. It is not when the feeling moves us to give but a matter of tzedakah-righteousness.

This is in part why the Congress' recent stripping of the food stamps from the Farm Bill is such an affront to Jewish values. We believe we must find a way to feed the hungry and provide for the poor.

There is a wonderful story about the Great Chasidic Founder, Israel ben Eliezer also known as the Baal Shem Tov, Master of the Good Name.


They asked the Baal Shem Tov: "The Talmud tells us that for every thing God forbade, God provided us something permissible of the same sort. God forbade us to eat blood and permitted the liver. God forbade milk and meat and permitted the cow's udder. If so, what did God permit that corresponds to the sin of heresy?"
The Baal Shem Tov replied: "Acts of kindness."


Because when you see a person suffering, you don't say, "God runs the universe. God will take care. God knows what is best." You do everything in your power to relieve that suffering as though there is no God. You become a heretic in God's name.


So here's to being a heretic in God's name as together we work to relieve the suffering around us.


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!
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