

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

## Congregation Kol Ami E Koleinu July 3, 2013 25 Tammuz 5773

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**Shabbat Dinners in  
the Gan Shalom**

### Worship Services

Please join us for Shabbat Services  
Friday, July 5, 2013 at 6:45 pm

Services will be led by the Kol Ami Ritual Committee

Services are free and everyone is welcome

### SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC SERVICES AT KOL AMI

July 12, 2013 7:00 pm  
Shabbat Under the Stars



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.

July 19, 2013 7:00 pm



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 6:00 pm - 7:00 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: Greta Rosenblum, Lowell Selvin, Milton Singer, Bob Weiner, Cathee Weiss

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

**Food Drive SOVA**

**HELP US REFILL OUR BARRELS**

**Cantor to Cantor:  
Cantor Patty Linsky and Cantor Mark Saltzman**



Cantor Patti Linsky, Cantor Emeritus of Temple Ahavat Shalom of Northridge joins Cantor Saltzman for a thrilling evening of soulful music and uplifting song. She received her Cantorial Certification from H.U.C.'s School of Sacred Music in New York, and has represented the Democratic National Committee, and participated in the Seder for Darfur with Rabbi Harold Schulweiss, Forrest Whittaker, Debbie Friedman and Craig Taubman. Her work supporting our Reform movement, both locally and nationally is widely known and highly respected. Her one woman biographical show "Altar EGO" is premiering at Vitellos this month, and portions of it will be featured at this very special service. Come and share in the joy of hearing two cantors for the price of one!

**Mazel Tov  
Stuart Leviton**



**on being elected National President of the Men of Reform Judaism.**

Stuart will serve a two year term in this national arm of our Reform Movement. Stuart is the first openly gay man to chair a branch of the Reform Movement. It is quite historical and a moment of honor for him and our congregation. Again, Mazel Tov Stuart!

**ON THE TOWN**

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

- Made a presentation to the CCAR Board of Trustees
- Attended the Reform Leadership Council Meeting
- Co-published and co-wrote and op-ed with the Unity Task Force of the LA Israeli Consulate

**We give thanks to the following people who made donations in the month of June:**



**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:  
Sunday, July 14, 2013  
8:30 AM - NOON**

**LOCATION:  
1140 N. La Brea  
West Hollywood, 90038  
(1 block south of the  
synagogue)**

**General Fund**

**In honor of Rabbi Eger's 25 years in the Rabbinate**

- Lesley & Steven Bloom
- Elise Davis Leviton
- Steven Jacobson
- Leslie & Sophie Belzberg
- Nancy A. Cohen
- Rev. Neil Thomas
- Anonymous
- Fran Epstein & Beverly Sweigert
- Neal Zaslavsky

**General Fund**

- Nancy A. Cohen - in honor of Rabbi Robin Podolsky's ordination

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

**In honor of Rabbi Eger's 25 years in the Rabbinate**

- Glenn Melnick
- Todd Bloom & Robert Nieto
- Jack Levin
- Beth & Steve Orlansky
- Steve Karash
- Allan Rich

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

- David Goldman - in memory of Dennis Bogorad
- Tobi Rosen - in memory of her brother Julius Chuck Friedman
- Steve Ebin & Amanda Waldo - in honor of their upcoming wedding
- Cary Fetman
- Community Partners

**Cantor's Discretionary Fund**

- Elizabeth Randall

**Yahrzeit**

- Myer Galler in memory of Ruth Geller
- Loren Ostrow & Brian Newkirk - in memory of Loren's father Maurice Ostrow
- Martin Freedman - in memory of his mother Pearl Freedman
- Spencer Howard - in memory of his friend, Brian Novis

**MAZEL TOV**

**Josh Finkel and Steve Schmones on their  
engagement**



**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

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](mailto: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](http://jfsla.org/sova)

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GAME NIGHT AT TRIANGLE SQUARE**

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](mailto:ifrank@kol-ami.org)

The Committees for this year are:

Development  
Finance  
Membership  
Ritual  
Social Action

## **Calendar**

### **Thursday, July 4, 2013**

Independence Day! Temple closed

### **Friday, July 5, 2013**

6:00 pm Picnic Dinner in Gan Shalom

6:45 pm Shabbat Services led by the Ritual Committee

### **Tuesday, July 9, 2013**

7:00 pm Ritual Committee Meeting

### **Friday, July 12, 2013**

6:00 pm Picnic Dinner in Gan Shalom

7:00 pm Shabbat Services led by Cantor Saltzman with special guest, Ellie Choate

### **Saturday, July 13, 2013**

12:15 pm HIV Shabbat Lunch

## **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.

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



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.

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**

- 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  
July 16, 2013 - November 26, 2013

For more information or to sign up click here:  
<http://www.reformjudaism.org>



### **AN EVENING AT THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL WITH PINK MARTINI**

Saturday, July 20, 2013  
6:00 pm - Pre-Concert Picnic  
8:00 pm - Concert  
\$36 per ticket

Transporting audiences from a samba parade in Rio to a 1930s French cabaret, the Portland-based, internationally loved Bowl favorites return for a fanciful romp with the Los Angeles Philharmonic. For the first time ever, the dazzling China Forbes and bewitching Storm Large share the stage and co-helm the playfully diverse 12-piece band.

#### **SPONSORED BY MOKA AND OPEN TO ALL**

For more information call the temple office at 323/606-0996  
Or to purchase tickets [click here:](#)

Rabbi Eger's Silver Soiree was an amazing night for all who attended. Here are a few pictures. Please check the website

For more information, please contact Kol Ami member Howard Goldin at [hjg1217@aol.com](mailto:hjg1217@aol.com) or Bill Gallimore, GMCLA Gives Back at: [billgallimore@aol.com](mailto:billgallimore@aol.com).

We hope to see you there!

**Attention members:**

We are looking to put together a team of 10 (or more!) congregants for a group comprised of Reform congregations from the region. We're looking to build something powerful by bringing the Reform movement together in the Greater Los Angeles Area- rabbis, cantors, educators, leaders, members of all ages- - to get to know one another and build Reform California, a powerful movement for justice in California.

If you are interested, please contact: Sam Fibish at [samguy@att.net](mailto:samguy@att.net)

**Torah Study with Rabbi Eger**  
Will resume in October 2013

for more pictures from the event.



*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, 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.***

## 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 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.

There is space for 24

Parking is free

Parshat Mattot-Maasei  
Numbers 30:2--36:13


We have arrived on our Torah journey of 5773 at the end of the book of Numbers with this double portion Mattot-Maasei. It is the journey of the People of Israel that is recounted step by step, encampment by encampment from Egypt to the edge of the Promised Land where the People are now. The whole story is told. And this is a story we have been retelling ever since. Each Passover we tell the story with one perspective from the Haggadah. And each year we renew the journey at Simchat Torah from our pre-history and creation myths to Moses's death at the end of Deuteronomy. The narrative of this journey gives the Jewish People life. It is shaped by the Torah perspective itself, the

## **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](#)

commentaries, the midrash and the rabbis as well as our own experience in the world!

Your own family history is the same. It gives you life. It shapes your identity and your outlook. It sometimes even creates your experiences when you know and are familiar with the people of another era and time. It is important to document. Perhaps that is one reason genealogy is such a popular hobby. In earlier generations every family had a family Bible or prayer book that had marriage dates and birth dates inscribed. Today fewer of us do so. We are left with pictures floating in our Facebook, Flickr and Picassa accounts. How will we show our children and grandchildren, our nieces and nephews, stepchildren and friends the record of our family history unless we are more conversant with our past? This will of course help to lay a foundation for the future.

I believe Judaism has something precious to share with us. I believe our teachings and values and ethics taught by these stories help us to develop our character into thoughtful, reflective, moral and caring people. Our tradition asks us to go beyond human nature and strive for holiness. One part of that formula is to know where we've come from on our journey and to know the sacrifices, the successes and yes, our personal and communal failures along the way.

This week's Torah portion does account for that. By the retelling of the story of the Journey.

May we be reminded of our journey through the wilderness. May we be reminded of all the places we stopped and started again. And may we be reminded that we can yet dream and become the people God imagined us to be. For as it says in this week's portion: "For I Adonai, dwell among you, the Children of Israel." (Num. 35:34).

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