

*"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
Iris Levine
Frank Peck
Tom Royer
Henry Schaumburg
Lowell Selvin
Henry Somerfeld
Andy Traines
Bob Weiner

FAITH LEADERS ASK PRESIDENT TO SAY NO TO A RELIGIOUS

It has been a difficult time in Israel. I have been here in Eretz Yisrael for more than a week now. Arriving just before they found the bodies of Eyal, Gilad and Naftali. When the news of the discovery of their bodies came over the news I was with several colleagues and it was a palpable moment that took our breath away. Israel went into mourning. Jews from the right or left cried with their families. I was surprised how few cars were out in the streets . I was glued to watching the funeral and crying too. And then in the midst of mourning, a young Arab teen burned alive. Retribution by a gang of Jewish thugs. But it was cold-blooded murder.



A country, a Jewish people that prides itself on the value "choose life" has within it such depravity. It shocks the nation. The burnt body of Muhammed Abu Khadeir gave Israel another blow and made many realize that the rhetoric that they have espoused has consequences. Words matter and the words of revenge, the cycle of violence represented by this has given Israel pause. This was a reason for more tears for Muhammed, his family and for my Israel who is so conflicted and so battered from every side. Even as the Army went door to door on the West Bank searching for the 2 murderers of Eyal, Naftali and Gilad.

But these deeply saddening events have taken place against a background of a barrage of rocket and missile fire from Hamas. Since the agreement of Fatah and Hamas to create their "unity" government, the rockets have fallen through the south with

EXEMPTION TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST THE LGBT COMMUNITY

WASHINGTON, DC - More than one hundred faith leaders from across the country are asking President Obama to leave out a religious exemption in his upcoming executive order which seeks to ban job discrimination on the basis of gender identity and sexual orientation among federal contractors. The letter, signed by a diverse group of high-level religious leaders and clergy, was delivered to the White House today.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the letter signed by Rabbi Eger and 100s of other Faith Leaders

increasing volume. And then yesterday, as Israel called up reservists and gathered at the border of Gaza the rockets reigned down on an ever increasing circle of Israel. Sderot, Beersheva, Ashkelon, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

Last night it took me a minute. I heard the sirens. But it didn't compute. The TV was on. I was watching it and hearing it as if numb and realized this wasn't just far away but overhead. Hurriedly I found the safety of the shelter with others in the hotel. Shaken and realizing that Israel has entered a new and frightening phase it was a night of little sleep. All of Israel is vulnerable to the missiles.

Even though I have had many tears this week. I am strengthened in my commitment to Israel by being here. By sharing in the Israel experience. Not just in times of quiet and celebration. But in these extraordinarily difficult times. And I know our rabbinic presence in Israel bring strength to Medinat Yisrael.

May Israel be kept in our prayers. For peace outside and within.

- Rabbi Denise Eger

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

HELP US REFILL OUR BARRELS



SOVA needs toothbrushes, toothpaste, disposable razors, lotion, shampoo and conditioner. Also, cooking oil, canned pasta, and peanut butter.

Please pick some of the items listed above on your next shopping trip to donate to SOVA.

Rabbi Eger's Video to Congregants About Her Trip to Israel

[\[click here\]](#)



THANK YOU CANTOR SALTZMAN FOR A LOVELY SHABBAT

Kol Ami will be meeting at SOVA the 2nd Sunday of each month.

Please join us.

NEXT DATE:
 Sunday
 July 13, 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.

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



Calendar

Friday, July 11, 2014

8:00 PM Shabbat Services with Cantor Saltzman and Jeremy Gimbel

Saturday, July 12, 2014

12:00 PM Yoga and Meditation

12:15 PM HIV+ Shabbat Lunch

Sunday, July 13, 2014

8:30 AM SOVA

Tuesday, July 15, 2014

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 Also don't forget to check into Kol Ami on Foursquare the next time you're at Temple! Check out our loyalty special!
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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 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!

7:00 PM Meditation

Friday, July 18, 2014

7:00 PM Shabbat Services on rooftop deck with Cantor Saltzman and Harpist Ellie Choate

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC SERVICES AT KOL AMI

Jeremy and Mark: Lovin' it!



Special Musical Shabbat

July 11, 2014 8:00 PM

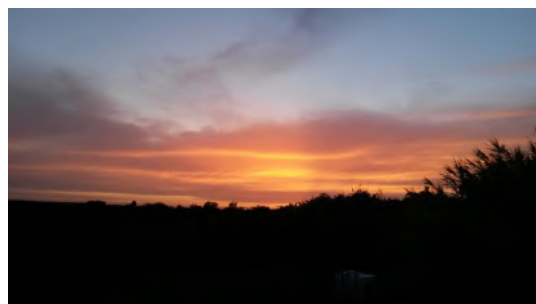
A beautiful, musically based service exploring the many ways that love is and can be

found in our lives. Shir HaShirim (Song of Songs), the biblical book that serves as the profound metaphor of God's love for the people of Israel is the springboard and the inspiration for this evening of enriching poetry and uplifting songs. Come and share the love with your favorite Rabbi-ish and Cantor!



Shabbat Under the Stars

July 18, 2014 7:00 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.

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 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.

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:

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- * *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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