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### **Refuah Schlemah**

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

John Altschul  
Brian Garfield  
Rick Leed  
Iris Levine  
Tom Royer  
Lowell Selvin  
Henry Somerfeld  
Bob Weiner  
Jane Weisberg

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

I am proud to be a Reform Rabbi. This week the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) has joined the marriage equality lawsuit in North Carolina. This is especially poignant for me as in 9 months I will become President of this organization of over 2000 rabbis world-wide. The first openly gay or lesbian person to head this over 126 year old organization. This week the CCAR joined the United Church of Christ (UCC) as a plaintiff in overturning the same-sex marriage ban in North Carolina. This is significant in several ways.



First the CCAR has supported marriage equality for many years. As early as 1996 the Conference is on record as supporting Civil Marriage Equality. And then again in the year 2000 in at our convention in Greensboro, North Carolina the CCAR went on record to endorse officiation of rabbis at Jewish and civil marriages. So it is fitting that we join this lawsuit in North Carolina.

Secondly, the CCAR and our Pacific region (PARR) have been involved in marriage equality cases in California, Washington, New Mexico, Massachusetts and the Windsor case at the Federal level. However, we have not been the plaintiffs in these cases. Instead we filed friend of the court briefs as a religious group whose religious rights were being denied.

But with the case in North Carolina we are actually suing the state as the Co-plaintiff. This is taking an important step forward in our advocacy and support for marriage equality. One of the things that makes this case so unique among the marriage equality lawsuits that have been filed around the country is that this one hinges on the rights of clergy to

### HELP US REFILL OUR BARRELS



SOVA needs razors, lotion, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and shampoo. 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.

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](mailto: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

perform gay and lesbian weddings. The North Carolina law specifically forbids clergy from performing even a commitment ceremony let alone a legal wedding.

I rejoice that the Reform Rabbinate is taking a lead in this case, supporting our North Carolina rabbis, and living up to our stated values of full equality, justice and inclusion of the LGBT community! And you should be too!

### DRAG QUEEN BINGO WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!


Thank you Debbie Futrowsky for planning such a fun event, and Doug Workman for your exceptional bartending! And of course ALL the participants.




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)

### ***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](#)

### **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.

## **Calendar**

### **Friday, June 13, 2014**

8:00 PM Shabbat Services with Rabbi Eger and Guest Cantor Aviva Rosenbloom

### **Saturday, June 14, 2014**

10:00 AM Torah Study  
12:00 PM Yoga  
12:15 PM HIV+ Shabbat Lunch  
7:00 PM Kol Ami night at Dodger Stadium

### **Monday, June 16, 2014**

7:00 PM Pillar 4 Meeting

### **Tuesday, June 17, 2014**

7:00 PM Pillar 3 Meeting  
7:00 PM Meditation

### **Wednesday, June 18, 2014**

7:00 PM Board of Trustees Meeting

### **Thursday, June 19, 2014**

12:00 PM Lunch 'n Learn with Rabbi Eger Downtown

### **Friday, June 20, 2014**

8:00 PM Shabbat Services with Rabbi Eger and Cantor Saltzman

### **Saturday, June 21, 2014**

12:00 PM Yoga

## **FORMAL NOTIFICATION**

This is formal notification advising Kol Ami members that Elections and the Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on:

Tuesday, June 24, 2014  
at 7:00 PM

The candidate slate will be emailed to all members shortly. Proxy forms have been mailed to all members and will also be available in the lobby.

We encourage all members to be present however if you are unable to attend, please return your proxy to the office by Friday June 20th.

**Downtown Lunch 'n Learn**  
Thursday, June 19, 2014  
12 noon - 1:00 PM

Do you work downtown or nearby?  
Want to meet others who do?

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, June 26, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

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)  
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.

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

Come join us for a stimulating discussion of Jewish Law, Jewish Ethics, and contemporary issues.

Rabbi Eger teaches a Lunch 'n Learn course on the third Thursday of each month from 12 noon – 1:00 PM.

The sessions are held at  
The Law Offices of Grunfeld, Desiderio, et.al.  
707 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 4150  
Los Angeles, CA

Lunch and drinks provided (no fee)

### #BringBackOurGirls

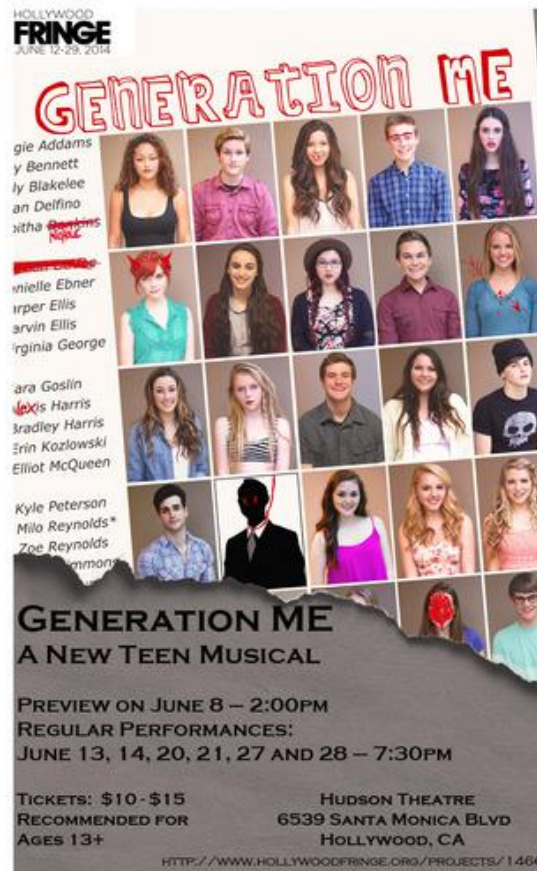


Last night Kol Ami joined other organizations to sponsor and support an interfaith vigil and call to action. The event was organized by AJWS and took place at Wilshire Boulevard Temple where over 200 people gathered in support of the International Violence Against Woman Act (IVAWA).

Attendees heard stories, music, and participated in prayers of hope and healing for the 279 school girls kidnapped in Northern Nigeria. One of the evening's moving speeches was given by Grant Gochin, who serves as Honory Consul for the Republic of Togo in California. Please use #BringBackOurGirls and #YesAllMen to find out more and to sign the petition, please visit : <http://ajws.org/>

Kol Ami member Jenna Bergman invites our Kol Ami community to the play she is in:  
**Generation Me**

online at  
[www.rabbieger.wordpress.com](http://www.rabbieger.wordpress.com)



for more info click:  
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