

*"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, June 14, 2013 at 8:00 pm

Services will be led by Rabbi Denise Eger
and Cantor Mark Saltzman

With Guest Speaker Rabbi Lucy Dinner
and
Celebrating the Ordination of Rabbi Robin Podolsky

Services are free and everyone is welcome

ONLY 3 DAYS LEFT!
HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR TICKETS YET?

Refuah Schlemah

Please keep the following people in your prayers:
 Leesa Freed, Greta Rosenblum, Lowell Selvin, Milton Singer, Bob Weiner, Cathee Weiss

Condolences

Our heartfelt condolences to Jeffrey Wortman on the loss of his Grandmother, Gladys Wortman

Help us celebrate 10 Years of Kol Ami SOVA Support

Food Drive SOVA

HELP US REFILL OUR BARRELS



SOVA needs Tuna, Mac & Cheese, Cereal, Toothpaste, and toothbrushes



For more information, or to purchase tickets, please check our website: www.kol-ami.org or call the office at 323/626-0996

Please join us



Friday, June 14, 2013 at 8:00 pm Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Eger and her childhood friend, guest speaker Rabbi Lucy Dinner

Rabbi Lucy Dinner has served Temple Beth Or in Raleigh, North Carolina, as Senior Rabbi since 1993. Whether in teaching adults or youth, preaching, celebrating Shabbat and holidays, or participating in community action, Rabbi Dinner's love of Judaism permeates her service.

Rabbi Dinner's commitment to social justice and action infuses her involvement in local, national, and international initiatives. In the Raleigh community Rabbi Dinner has been active in the Urban Ministries advisory board, the Medical Ethics Committee of Rex Hospital, and she currently serves on the Board of "Stop Hunger Now."

She has also served on the URJ Committee on the Jewish Family, the Rabbinic Mentoring Committee, and currently is a member of the Reform Rabbi's Committee on Resolutions. In 2011 she joined the "Rabbinic Vision Initiative," a group of 27 Reform rabbis collaborating to work for the future of the Reform Movement.

Rabbi Dinner was named "Woman of Achievement" by the Woman's Club of Raleigh in 2010, and to the "Academy of Women" by the YWCA in 1998.

Rabbi Dinner graduated from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill with a degree in Public Policy Analysis,

We are always in need of personal toiletries, especially razors, toothbrushes, and toothpaste, but right now our priority is Tuna, Mac & Cheese, and hot and cold cereal. Please pick up some tuna, toiletries and mac & cheese 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)

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

and she received her Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters and was ordained at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati.

Rabbi Dinner recently also received her Doctor of Divinity on the occasion of her 25th year in the Rabbinate.

HARVEY MILK PRIDE MONTH INTERVIEW CLOTHING DRIVE NOW - JUNE 30

Once again we are teaming with Metropolitan Community Church and the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles on a clothing drive for the Youth Center on Highland (formerly Jeff Griffith, located on Santa Monica). We will be kicking off the drive in late May for Harvey Milk Day (May 22) and continuing through the month of June. Donate your slightly worn clothing that can be used by their clients for job interviews. Watch for more information in future Social Action Blasts and eKoleinus.

You can learn more about the Youth Center itself by clicking: **[info - Youth Center on Highland](#)**



MOKA ANNUAL HOLLYWOOD BOWL EVENT

Please join the Men of Kol Ami (MOKA) at the Hollywood Bowl on July 20, 2013 for this special performance. All are welcome.

PINK MARTINI

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.

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

for more information or to purchase tickets click here:

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

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

mokaevents@yahoo.com

MAZEL TOV



Rabbi Robin Podolsky
on being Ordained as Rabbi

Eric Shockman and Steve Crithfield
on their son Michael's high school graduation,
and all the graduates from Kindergarten to Middle
School to High School



CURIOS 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
- Conversion to Judaism
- Death and Mourning
- Israel and Zionism
- Jewish Culture
- Jewish History
- Jewish Holidays

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, June 27, 2013 7:00 pm - 9:00 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.

We hope to see you there!

Beginning June 21, 2013 Shabbat Dinners in the Gan Shalom

- 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>



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



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!

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

Parking is free

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC SERVICES AT KOL AMI

June 21, 2013 8:00 pm

Interweaving Faiths

Join us for a special community interfaith service with Cantor Saltzman and the amazing, Reverend Carri Patterson Grindon, Rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Altadena. Reverend Carri is a delight to know, and is also blessed with a lovely, rich singing voice, which will be put to good use in this inclusive and expansive service that blends our faiths and liturgies. The Reverend is well known for the warmth and joy she shares with all whom she touches. Give yourself an extra special Shabbat treat by coming to experience the beautiful duets and the positive messages in this special heart opening journey of the spirit and soul.

June 28, 2013 7:00 pm

Jeremy and Mark: Together Again!

An amazing, genre-bending service conceived with a little something for everyone, and inspiration for all ages. Our versatile Kol Ami "Cantor-ish" from last year, Jeremy Gimbel rejoins us this summer on the bema with Cantor Saltzman for an eclectic, pop and funk inspired evening of music, and some timely tips on what we can do to change our world. Jeremy will be with us throughout the upcoming year, not only with his wonderful musical contributions, but also as our new Rabbinic intern. Come experience the youth, the energy, the creativity, and the joy of Kol Ami's newest clerical staff member!

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

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

Torah Study
with Rabbi
Eger
Will resume in
October 2013

*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!***

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to offer you the
opportunity to
view Friday
evening Services
live on the web.***

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!

Calendar

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8:00 pm Shabbat Services with Rabbi Eger and Cantor Saltzman
Guest Speaker Rabbi Lucy Dinner
Celebration of Rabbi Robin Podolsky's Ordination

Saturday, June 15, 2013

7:30 pm Silver Soiree for Rabbi Denise Eger

Sunday, June 15, 2013

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

Parshat Chukat
Numbers 19:1-22:1

This week we mourn the death of Moses' siblings Miriam and Aaron. Together this powerful trio led the Hebrews from slavery toward the Promised Land. But in this week's Torah portion Chukat, Miriam dies and Aaron the High Priest dies.

What do we do when our siblings die? What are our obligations? According to Jewish tradition the death of our siblings is one of the near degrees that we mourn for. We are supposed to recite the kaddish prayer for 30 days for a sibling.

Kaddish for 11 months is only recited for a parent. It is not supposed to matter how close or estranged we were from that parent. It is our obligation to recite the Kaddish prayer that praises God and life in their memory.

All too often in our contemporary world families are not gathering for shiva, the week of mourning and they are rarely coming to synagogue to say Kaddish. Why is this? In our torah portion this week, the entire People of Israel mourn Aaron's death. Numbers 20:29 says,
"And when all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, they wept for Aaron thirty days, even all the house of Israel." Why can't we for our brother, sister, parent or spouse take the time to honor their life and their death by gathering and remembering for more

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than the hour it takes to bury them?


These Jewish mourning rituals are some of the most profound rituals our tradition has. The rituals of mourning like gathering for shiva and saying the kaddish prayer allow us as the mourners to go through the many stages of grief. The Jewish rituals help prepare us for life without our loved one so we may return to our regular schedule. The rituals of shiva and the recitation of Kaddish allow our friends and family to offer us comfort and help restore the brokenness we may experience through their kind words and their silences. The words of Jewish prayer through the Kaddish helps give all of us a focus when we don't know what exactly to say.


Today many don't want to be inconvenienced. Or we find death and dying too difficult to deal with. But the Jewish rituals around mourning and grief give us tools to help us make it through a difficult time and topic. If the entire Israelite nation could wait 30 more days to mourn for Aaron the High Priest before moving toward the Promised Land, we too might take the opportunity to observe shiva and reciting the Kaddish with a minyan; ten Jews to honor the memory of our loved ones.


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!
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