

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

## Congregation Kol Ami E Koleinu

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Beginning  
June 21, 2013

#### Worship Services

Please join us for Shabbat Services  
Friday, June 28, 2013 at 7:00 pm

Services will be led by Cantor Mark Saltzman  
and Student Rabbi Jeremy Gimbel

Services are free and everyone is welcome

Dear Temple Family and Friends!

This is the day God has made. Let us rejoice and be happy in it.  
(Psalm 118)

Today marriage equality is restored to California and the  
Defense of Marriage Act is dead. This is a moment of great  
history. It is a moment of rejoicing. It came with hard work of  
many including many of you!

Our congregation has been a center in the ongoing battle for  
marriage equality. And with the Supreme Court rulings today  
Prop 8 is dead, unconstitutional. But there was no sweeping  
ruling on marriage equality and there are only 13 states with  
marriage equality. So there is work to do across our nation not  
to mention working to pass ENDA the Employment Non  
Discrimination Act, protecting women's reproductive health, fair  
immigration reform, as well as working to eliminate poverty in  
our own country and around the world. We can help bring peace  
and light to dark corners. This is the true way of tikkun olam –  
healing the world. Let us savor this moment but move forward  
together in the sacred work of justice and equality for all.

Remember the celebration rally tonight at 5:30 in West  
Hollywood at Santa Monica & San Vicente!

And for those of you planning to get married I have a portable  
chupah and look forward to celebrating with you. Please contact

## 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 6:00 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!

\*this Friday, June 21, Services begin at 8:00pm

### 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**

Kathy at temple staff@kol-ami.org to arrange times with me! My appointment book is open! Marriages won't begin immediately in CA. Most likely in 25-30 days. I will keep you posted.

Again a huge Mazal tov to all who have worked and supported the cause of marriage equality!

Shalom,

Rabbi Denise L. Eger

## SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC SERVICES AT KOL AMI

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 clergy addition!

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

**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.**

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

**LOCATION:  
1140 N. La Brea**

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 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!

### **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). The drive will continue through the end of this month. 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\*\*](#)

# **MAZEL TOV**

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](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**



### **Calendar**

#### **Wednesday, June 26, 2013**

5:30 pm Day of Decision Rally in West Hollywood at Santa Monica & San Vicente

#### **Thursday, June 27, 2013**

7:30 pm Game night at Triangle Square

#### **Friday, June 28, 2013**

6:00 pm Picnic dinner in Gan Shalom

7:00 pm Shabbat Services with Cantor Saltzman and Jeremy Gimbel

#### **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

### **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, June 27, 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 Pinchas  
Numbers 25:10-30:1


Rabbi Rabinowitz take note of this week's Torah portion Pinchas! Rabbi Rabinowitz is the Rabbi in charge of the Kotel, the Western Wall. He is an employee of the Western Wall Heritage Foundation and the Israeli Rabbinate. And he has been one of those obstructing the way for the Women at the Wall to pray equally at the Kotel. As I hope you have been following, the Women of the Wall have gathered monthly on Rosh Chodesh the morning of the New month for 25 years now to pray at the Kotel. This is a group of Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, Reconstructionist, and just Jews who have gathered together to pray and sing and celebrate and hopefully make the Kotel prayer space responsive to 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](#)

voices of women who want to pray there, in tallitot, with women's voices, reading torah, and for those who want to wear tefillin. After many court cases seeking equality, arrests of women who just want to pray and raising the issues for those of us from a pluralistic background whose preferred prayer mode is men and women together, we have been shut out of use at the historic and symbolic Western Wall Plaza by Rabbi Rabinowitz and other forces in the Israeli government backed by the police. That is until recently, after the arrests of more high profile Reform and Conservative rabbis the Israeli courts issued a new ruling that protected the rights of Women at the Wall to pray in the manner they are used to and ordered the police, that instead of arresting them, protect them from protest by the Hareidim, the right wing Orthodox men and women who throw stones, hurl curses, and sometimes chairs at those gathered to pray.

This led the Israeli Government to ask Natan Sharansky, head of the Jewish Agency to come up with a compromise solution for all. (You will remember that Natan Shransky was one of the most famous Soviet refusniks in the 1970's and was imprisoned by the Soviet government.) His present office as head of the Jewish Agency (the Sachnut) in a quasi-governmental agency that deals with Jewish communities in the diaspora among other issues. Shranaksy has met with the heads of Jewish communities world-wide and the heads of our movement in particular. Our local Israel Council General, David Siegel, has been a leading force in helping the foreign ministry and the Netanyahu government understand how important this is to Reform and Conservative Jews around the world (David belongs to the Reform congregation in Tzur Hadassah outside of Jerusalem). The plan has yet to be finalized but the Women of the Wall have been protected by police during the last Rosh Chodesh service even as Hareidi leaders called 1000's of young men and women from Yeshivot across Israel to come to the Kotel on Rosh Chodesh as a counter demonstration. But they would all do well to read this week's Torah portion when the Daughters of Zelaphochad go to Moses to seek justice. Their father Zelaphochad died without any sons and therefore they might lose their family holdings in the Promised Land since only sons had the rights of inheritance.

Moses prayed to God and God ruled in favor of the daughters of Zelaphochad that they could inherit their father's property. They had a valid claim of what was right and what was just.

So too the Women of the Wall. All Jews should be able to pray at the Western Wall in the custom that they do so. Reform and Conservative Jews are not a cult or a fringe group. Our numbers aren't as big in Israel as the Orthodox but in the Diaspora, around the world we represent the majority of Jews and the Kotel, the Western Wall is a symbolic gathering place for all of the Jewish people. It is not an Orthodox synagogue even though in recent

years the Orthodox world with the support of the Israeli government has enforced this -even ending the military ceremonies of remembrance that used to take place on the Kotel plaza for Yom HaZikaron-Israel Memorial Day. The daughters of Zelaphochad brought a just case. So too the Women of the Wall.

Women of the Wall is celebrating its 25th anniversary this coming November 3-6 in Jerusalem. I need ten people to put together a group to celebrate with Women of the Wall. Please let me know if you are interested. I am in the process of getting the information together. We most likely will leave October 30 or 31 with an option of staying through the following Shabbat. I will have more details soon.

Let me know if you are interested in this amazing opportunity to stand for equality in Israel!

[Forward email](#)



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