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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



LGBTQ Pride month has begun and this weekend in West Hollywood the festivities of celebration will begin! On Friday night of this week we will observe our annual LGBTQ Pride Shabbat Service. For some folks the celebration of gay and lesbian identity may seem passé. But we have much to celebrate this year! Since last June's wins at the Supreme Court of the United States, 19 states have marriage equality! And all other states have some kind of marriage equality lawsuit to overturn local bans on marriage equality. The rapid pace this year of our movement's successes should remind us that there is still plenty of work to be done. Marriage Equality is very important but there are still many areas that need our full pressure and attention including passing an Employment Non-Discrimination Act nationally, immigration protections for our LGBT community and for the transgender community there is still even more work to bring equality.

The case for inclusion, acceptance and tolerance must still be made in many houses of worship, many cities, colleges, schools and work situations.

That is why I was so honored to be recognized by the City of Los Angeles, last Friday morning for my lifetime of work as an LGBTQ activist. Cited as a Legend and Leader, I spoke before the Los Angeles City Council after being presented by City Controller Ron Galperin, Council members Mike Bonin and Mitch Englander and Mayor Garcetti. I was honored to be among fellow honorees including NBA star Jason Collins, community leaders Mignon Moore and Elaine Harley, former City Clerk June Lagmay, homeless youth advocate Carlos Sosa,



Robyn and Gail Harrod on the High School Graduation of daughter Hillary. Hillary will be attending Occidental College in the fall.

Holli Mason and Dennis Lipton on the High School Graduation of daughter Kimberly. Kimberly will be attending UC Santa Cruz in the fall.

Natalie and Kim Bergman on the High School Graduation of daughter Abby. Abby will be attending Smith College in the fall.

Roberta Bennett on granddaughter Madison's academic decathlon achievement and graduation from Middle School.

All Kol Ami members riding and reading in the Aids Lifecycle: David Goldman, Steve Jacobson and Barry Edelman.

RABBI EGER ON THE TOWN

During the month of May, Rabbi Eger participated in these community activities:

- **Attended HUC-JIR Ordination and Graduation**
- **Participated in the CCAR Board and Reform Leadership Council**

and my friend, Rabbi Lisa Edwards of BCC.

I share with you an excerpt from my comments last Friday morning as I believe that LGBTQ Pride is about moving beyond our own community and joining with others to bring about fairness, equality and justice for everyone. Here is some of what I said:

"I work to lift up our city and our community with pride and hope. There is still much to do together, I look forward to joining together towards a day when all the diverse people of Los Angeles can link arms and lift up all those who are impoverished, those who have come to seek a better life in Los Angeles and live in the shadows without proper papers. When we as a city can create educational opportunities for all our children. This is the true test of equality and pride.

When gay and Trans and queer people everywhere will join with all of our neighbors to dream and build up our City of Angels. That is what gay pride should be. Holding our heads high and helping others do the same.

The late Maya Angelou wrote:

"Whoever you are, where ever you are, start there!"

"When we know better, we do better."

"There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside of you. You alone are enough."

The book of Psalms teaches the stone the builders rejected has become the corner stone. (Psalm 118) and also "This is the day Adonai has made let us rejoice and be happy in it.

Not so long ago we were unable to tell our stories, we were the rejected stone.

I rejoice with all of you that we can do better and rejoice in this day and this month together.

Shalom.

- Was awarded "Leader and Legend" by the City of Los Angeles at the 4th annual LGBT Heritage Month Celebration presented by The LA City Council and LA Controller's office and LA Mayor's Office



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

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
June 8, 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


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

Rabbi Eger Online!

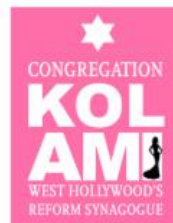
Did you know Rabbi Eger not only keeps up her Torah blog on the Kol Ami website, but also has her own personal blog?

 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

Congregation Kol Ami Hosts Drag Queen Bingo



June 7th at 7 pm
Call (323)606-0996 to RSVP
1200 N. La Brea Ave.,
West Hollywood

\$25 for 10 Bingo Cards

Win Amazing Prizes Including:

Box Seats Tickets to the
Hollywood Bowl

Dinner for 4 at Border Grill

Autographed 10th Anniversary
Poster of "Valley of the Dolls"



Calendar

Wednesday, June 4, 2014

8:00 AM Yizkor Service at Temple Israel of Hollywood,
7300 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles, CA

Temple is closed

Friday, June 6, 2014

6:45 PM Gay Pride Early Shabbat Services with Rabbi Eger

Saturday, June 7, 2014

Yoga cancelled. Will resume next Saturday, June 14 at 12:00 noon

7:00 PM Drag Queen Bingo

Sunday, June 8, 2014

8:30 AM SOVA

Tuesday, June 10, 2014

7:00 PM Meditation

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

Eger on Twitter! [@deniseeger](#) or follow Kol Ami [@KolAmiLA](#)

 And friend her on Facebook!
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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!
[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.

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 or Bill Gallimore, GMCLA Gives Back at: billgallimore@aol.com

12:15 PM HIV+ Shabbat Lunch
7:00 PM Kol Ami night at Dodger Stadium

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

If you are interested being a candidate for an open seat on the Board, please forward the signatures of ten members nominating you as a candidate to Nominating Committee Chair Stuart Leviton at sleviton@levitonlawgroup.com by 5pm, Wednesday, June 4th.

The candidate slate will be emailed to all members shortly. Proxy forms will be mailed to all members and will be available in the lobby; all proxy votes must be returned to the office by Friday June 20th.

DONATIONS

We give thanks to the following people who made donations during the month of May:

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Alan and Liz Rosen in honor of their son Joel's Bar Mitzvah

Elaine Newman Scholarship Fund

Chuck Pace in memory of his wife, Elaine Newman

General

Roberta Bennett in memory of Todd Rinehart's mother, Alma Rinehart Myers

Stan Berkman and Chris Murphy in honor of Todd Bloom's 60th birthday

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John Altschul in memory of his mother Theresa Altschul

Liz Randall in memory of her mother Maxine Randall

Harvey Silberman in memory of his partner, James Mollenauer

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Michael and Sally Beck in memory of Michael's mother

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.

Dorothy Beck

Raul Cobian in memory of Beverly Castro

Grant Gochin and Russell Lyon in honor of their son Bryce's Bar Mitzvah

Hon. Steve Lachs and Michael Ruvo in memory of his father Irving Lachs

Larry Levi with thanks to Rabbi Eger for placing the Mezzuzah in his office

Peter Mackler in honor of our Student Rabbi Jeremy Gimbel's spectacular year at Kol Ami

Glenn Melnick in memory of his father

Frank Peck

Elyse Resch in memory of her mother Lorraine Cohen

Alan and Liz Rosen in honor of their son Joel's Bar Mitzvah

Glenn Rosenblum and Mark Freeman in honor of Todd Rinehart and Harvey Silberman

Joan and Jules Selvin in memory of their brother, Jerry Meyers

Tzedakah

Marianne Lowenthal and Wendy Glenn

Keith Rand and John D'Amico

Yahrzeit

Avi de Turenne in memory of his sister Joanne Knudsen

Paul Morgan Fredrix in memory of his sister Patricia Ruth Bixler

Wendy Goldman

in memory of her mother Jeannie Goldman

Stephen Hochstein in memory of his mother Elaine Hochstein

Marilyn Horwitz in memory of her sister Janet Silverstein

Eugene Rogosky in memory of his mother Eva Rogolsky

Glenn Rosenblum and Mark Freeman in memory of Glenn's father Nathan Rosenblum

Ted Seifman in memory of his mother Zelda Seifman

Edie Siteman in memory of her father Morris Rouse

Edie Siteman in memory of her brother-in-law Bernard Levine

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