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Congregation Kol Ami E Koleinu

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Worship Services

Please join us for Shabbat Services
Friday, June 7, 2013 at 7:30 pm*
following the Congregational Meeting at 6:30 pm

Services will be led by Cantor Mark Saltzman

Services are free and everyone is welcome
*Please note change in time for services

ONLY 10 DAYS LEFT! HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR TICKETS YET?

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Refuah Schlemah

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Beth Bachrach, Lowell Selvin, Milton Singer, Bob Weiner, Cathee Weiss

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 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

For more information, or to purchase tickets, please check our website:

www.kol-ami.org or call the office at 323/626-0996

FORMAL NOTIFICATION

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

Friday June 7, 2013 at 6:30 pm
followed by Shabbat Services at 7:30 pm*
honoring Cary Davidson for receiving the Harvey Milk Award from CSW

Proxies have been mailed or are available in the lobby

*Please note the change in time for Shabbat Services

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](#)**

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!

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-



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CELEBRATING PRIDE AND BUILDING MOVEMENTS: AN EVENING DEDICATED TO LGBTI RIGHTS IN UGANDA

Featuring a preview performance by Matt Gould and Griffin Matthews of **WITNESS UGANDA**
An award-winning musical about an American seeking to help orphaned Ugandan teens, which explores complex issues of sexuality, poverty and the politics of humanitarian aid.

With special guest
JULIUS KAGGWA, UGANDAN LGBTI RIGHTS ACTIVIST

**MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2013
7:00 P.M.
BETH CHAYIM CHADISHIM
6090 West Pico Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90035**

CLICK HERE TO RESERVE SEATS TODAY.
Admission is free but space is limited.

COMMUNITY CO-SPONSORS (in formation)



ABOUT THE PLAY

Witness Uganda, which will premiere at the American Repertory Theater in 2014 directed by three-time Tony Award nominee Diane Paulus, is the recipient of the 2012 Richard Rodgers Award for Musical Theater. Through the eyes of an American working with orphaned teenagers, the play explores challenging issues including the Ugandan gay rights movement, the delicate balance between aid work and cultural interference, and the evolving responsibility of Americans abroad.

ABOUT THE GUEST SPEAKER

AJWS partner Julius Kaggwa is executive director of Support Initiative for People with atypical sex Development (SIPD), a grassroots organization in Uganda that promotes human rights for children and adults with intersex conditions. Julius also plays a lead role in a coalition of 51 Ugandan civil society organizations that is working to stop Uganda's proposed anti-homosexuality bill. In recognition of Julius's work, he received the 2010 Human Rights Award from Human Rights First.

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– to get to know one another and build Reform California, a powerful movement for justice in California.

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Sam Fibish
at samguy@att.net

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On the town with Rabbi Eger

During the month of May, Rabbi Eger:

- Moderated a panel on the Rites of Marriage Equality at the Equality Forum in Philadelphia, PA
- Received her Doctor of Divinity, honoris causa, from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion on the occasion of her 25 years in the rabbinate
- Sponsored Greg Weisman at his ordination service to become a Rabbi
- Was the Scholar - in Residence at Temple Beth Or in Raleigh N. C. in honor of Rabbi Lucy Dinner's 25th year celebration
- Participated in the Board of Rabbis

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, June 9, 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 joining us or for other volunteer opportunities at SOVA.

When you visit the synagogue, please remember to bring donations for the SOVA barrels.

- Chaired the Membership and Admission Task Force of the CCAR
- Participated in the Dues Process Review of the Union for Reform Judaism

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

Building Fund

–Nicholas Simmons & Matt – in honor of Jeff Wortman's birthday

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

–Roberta Bennett – in memory of Elsie Sylvester, mother of Lisa Sylvester

Howard Jacobs Memorial HIV Lunch Fund

–Michael Scobey – in honor of Jeff Wortman's birthday

General Fund

- Ed Casson – in honor of Rabbi Eger's 25th Anniversary
- David Kaminski & Patrick Auerbach – in honor of Cantor Saltzman
- Stuart Leviton & Herb Schultz – in honor of Cantor Saltzman
- Brad Pollard & Adam Smith–Pollard – In honor of Jeff Wortman's birthday
- Mark Saltzman & Walter Hubert – in memory of Elsie Sylvester, mother of Lisa Sylvester
- Mark Saltzman & Walter Hubert – in honor of Robin Podolsky's graduation
- Mark Saltzman & Walter Hubert – in honor of Rabbi Eger's 25th Anniversary
- Rabbi Susan Warshaw – in honor of Rabbi Eger's 25th Anniversary

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Mark Apostolon – in memory of Dennis Bogorad
- Roberta Bennett – in honor of Rabbi Eger receiving her Doctor of Divinity from Hebrew Union College
- Joshua Bobrowsky & Daniel Tarica – in honor of Greg Weisman's ordination
- Marilyn Horwitz
- Peter Mackler – in honor of Greg Weisman's ordination
- Beth Orlansky – in honor of Rabbi Eger's 25th Anniversary
- Marc Purchin –in honor of Greg Weisman's ordination
- Elyse Resch – in memory of Lorraine Cohen
- Tobi Rosen – in honor of Greg Weisman's ordination
- Flori Schutzer – in honor of Greg Weisman's ordination
- Henry Somerfeld – in honor of Greg Weisman's ordination

Oneg

- Wendy Glenn & Marianne Lowenthal
- Liz Randall – in memory of her mother, Maxine Randall

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

**Torah Study
with Rabbi
Eger**
Will resume in
October 2013

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Yahrzeit

- George Frankel – in memory of Susan Rosett-Edelman, mother of Martha Rosett
- Mark Freeman & Glenn Rosenblum – in memory of Dorothy Kern Golden, Mark's beloved Nonny
- Stephen Hochstein – in memory of his mother, Elaine Hochstein
- Philip Lelyveld – in memory of Mary Jane Katz, mother of Addie Lelyveld and grandmother of Philip Lelyveld
- Randall Moses – in memory of his father, Warren Moses
- Randall Moses – in memory of his mother, Claire Moses
- Glenn Rosenblum & Mark Freeman – in memory of Nathan Rosenblum, father of Glenn Rosenblum
- Martha Rosett – in memory of her mother Susan Rosett-Edelman
- Mark Saltzman & Walter Hubert – in memory of their friend, Kathleen Riggs
- Mark Saltzman & Walter Hubert – in memory of their friend, Robert Sanchez
- Marc Siegel – in memory of his mother, Dorothy M. Siegel
- Janene Sneider – in memory of her son, Noah Stroud
- Bennett Yellin – in memory of his father, Alec Yellin

Calendar

Friday, June 7, 2013

- 6:30 pm Congregation Meeting and Elections
- 7:30 pm Gay Pride Shabbat Services with Cantor Mark Saltzman honoring Cary Davidson for receiving the Harvey Milk award from CSW

Saturday, June 8, 2013

- 12:15 pm HIV+ Shabbat lunch
Gay Pride Festival

Sunday, June 9, 2013

- 8:30 am SOVA
Gay Pride Parade

Monday, June 10, 2013

- 7:00 pm** AJWS Celebrating Pride and Building Movements
An evening dedicated to LGBTI Rights in Uganda
Co-sponsored by Kol Ami

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

- 7:00 pm Ritual Committee Meeting

Friday, June 14, 2013

- 8:00 pm Shabbat Services with Rabbi Eger

Saturday, June 15, 2013

- 7:30 pm Silver Soiree for Rabbi Denise Eger

URJ Collects Donations for Oklahoma Tornado Victims

New York, NY, May 21, 2013 -- The Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) is accepting donations in the wake of the deadly tornado in Oklahoma. The URJ is working closely with our

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.


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

congregations in the affected region to assure the safety of their congregants, their neighbors, their structures and to determine next steps in relief work.

"We are numb with grief, and yet inspired by the heroic resilience of the people of Oklahoma. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those impacted by this horrific tragedy," said URJ President Rabbi Rick Jacobs. "For now, we will collect donations and distribute them to the American Red Cross and others on the ground in Oklahoma. As other needs arise, perhaps including volunteers to assist with the clean-up and rebuilding, we stand ready to help in any way possible."

To make a donation online visit www.urj.org/relief. Checks can be sent to the Union for Reform Judaism (Attn: Oklahoma Tornado Relief), 633 Third Ave., New York, NY 10017 or to the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism, 3845 Bathurst St. Suite 301, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M3H 3N2.

Parshat Korach
Numbers 16:1-18:32
Rabbi Denise L. Eger

There is nothing worse than a family feud. When two or more members of one family fight it affects everyone in the extended family. My own father and his brother (May they both rest in peace.) didn't speak to one another for many years. They fought over the family business.

I remember visiting my grandmother one Sunday morning and my uncle was coming down the stairs as we were going up the stairs to visit her second floor apartment. My father and my uncle refused to even acknowledge one another. I know it pained my grandmother, their mother, and it confused me as a little girl. It affected their wives who were good friends and continued to play bridge and mah jongg with each other because at one time the couples were very close to each other.

This was my family feud. Thankfully as the brothers aged they reconciled. But I think of all those lost years of our family especially when my grandmother was still alive. I know what pain it was for her and I think about how the silence, anger and hurt between the brothers affected all of us.

My family is not alone in this kind of filial fight. Many families experience the pain of a quarrel between family members, sometimes going on for years and years. Perceived snubs, rejections, and sometimes outright manipulations are just a few of the reasons family members argue. Most often in my experience it is over the family finances or family position and power.

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This week's Torah portion is no different. Korach, first cousin of Moses, stages a challenge to Moses' leadership. He plans a full rebellion against Moses and Aaron gathering others to his cause. The Midrash Rabbah teaches us:

Korach... the son of Yitzhar, the son of Kehat, the son of Levi (16:1)

What moved him to start a quarrel? He was moved to it by the fact that Elizafan, the son of his father's brother, was appointed prince over his family; as it says (Numbers 3:30), "And the prince of the fathers house of the families of the Kohatites was Elizafan the son of Uzziel." Korach argued: My father was one of four brothers; as it says (Exodus 4:18), "And the sons of Kohat: Amram, and Yitzhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel." As for Amram the firstborn, his son Aaron attained to greatness and Moses to royalty. Who then should rightly take the next office? Is it not the next in line? Now I, being the son of Yitzhar, should by right be the leader of the Kohatites. Yet Moses appointed the son of Uzziel! Shall the [son of the] youngest of my father's brothers be superior to me? Behold, I shall dispute his decision and put to naught all that has been arranged by him...

Moses appointed a younger first cousin, Elizaphan chief prince of the tribe rather than Korach who was an older first cousin. This enraged Korach since he was the eldest of the second son of Kohat. He felt his position had been usurped by Moses. Korach felt he had a claim to it because he was the eldest of the second son, Yitzhar rather than Elizaphan who was the second son of the third son! Position and power are a large part of the quarrel.

But Korach miscalculates because even though he might have a claim in our Torah portion God has chosen the leadership, upsetting the so-called rule of birth-order. Look at the order just in Moses' family. Moses was the youngest and yet the leader. Aaron was the High Priest and the second child. Miriam the prophetess was the eldest!

This fight between Korach and Moses is violent and disruptive not just to these two but to their families, the Levites and the entire people of Israel. In the end Korach cannot challenge the choice of God and his stubbornness and intransigence causes his death and that of many others.

He refuses to make peace with God's choice.

One of our most profound lessons comes from the Ten Commandments. It promises nothing about inheritance based on birth order. But it does remind us not to covet anything of our neighbor's. This is true about our family members as well. No one is entitled simply because of your birth order. Instead, work hard,

honor God and live a life filled with love and honor of family rather than being jealous of what your sister has. Ultimately this Torah portion teaches us that God was right in picking others to lead- because Korach's rage and ability to whip others into a frenzy only leads to their harm and to their deaths. Imagine if he had used his talents in a positive way. That is our challenge: To use our talents in a positive way.

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