

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

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Refuah Schlemah

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

- Brian Garfield
- Steve Hochstein
- Rick Leed
- Jack Levin
- Iris Levine
- Tom Royer
- Lowell Selvin
- Milton Singer
- Bob Weiner
- Jane Weisberg

Dear Sadie,

I can still hear the music of the wonderful Purim Schpiel!

Thank you to all who participated with special shout-outs to our ever-amazing and talented Cantor Saltzman and maestro David Kaminski!



So many Kol Ami members participated: Flori Schutzer as stage manager, Steve Addison, Michael Beck, Joshua Bobrowsky, Cary Davidson, Sarah Dye, Hope Faust, Sam Fibish, Tamisha Jackson, Paul Morgan Fredrix, Joshua Finkel, Rachel Rose-Stern, Tobi Rosen, Liz Randall, Karen Shanbrom and our make-up artist Elizabeth Hines, videographer Doug Workman and paparazzi Rabbi Ellie Steinman. We thank all who read megillah, Alesha Hughes, Student Rabbi Jeremy Gimbel, Richard Frank, Jane Drucker, Doug Workman - and to Neal Zaslavsky for managing our Purim Bar! And a shout out to Jodi Price and Zoe Price-Futrowsky who helped too!

We turn now towards Pesach. It occurs exactly one month from Purim on the full moon of Nissan. You may have already seen Passover foods in your local grocery store if you needed any more reminders. In Biblical times the spring was considered the New Year and Pesach was its first Festival. In the spirit of all that is new our Temple is undertaking lots of new programmatic endeavors just for you!

So I know you don't want to miss the many new offerings at Kol Ami. Over the course of the next month, in addition to our annual Second Night Kol Ami Seder (Tuesday April 15 at 6 pm sharp at Kol Ami) we are hosting -

- a new meditation group on Tuesday nights
- a new Shabbat afternoon yoga class (starting April 5)
- a Shabbat satellite dinner on April 4

Downtown Lunch 'n Learn

Thursday, March 20, 2014
12:00 noon - 1:00 pm

If you work downtown or nearby, 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 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm at the offices of:

Grinfeld, Desiderio
707 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 4150
Los Angeles, CA

Lunch and drinks provided. No fee.

- a Havdalah and Movie night on Saturday April 5 - the award winning documentary "Spinning Plates" where we'll be joined by the filmmaker Joseph Levy
- "Wrap it Up" - a class on Tefillin, Sunday, April 6 with Rabbi Ellie Steinman
- a Pesach planning overview for interfaith LGBT families on Tuesday, April 8
- and a special Shabbat Service on April 11 celebrating the photography of Temple member, Michael Becker and a special blessing for those participating in the AIDS/Lifecycle Ride.

This is in addition to Yizkor at the end of Pesach, on Monday April 21 at 8am.

Passover and preparing for Passover requires intention-kavannah. It is more than spring cleaning, or a simple meal with family and friends. Passover begins our journey to a new state of being-true freedom grounded in law, justice, and faith. I look forward to the month ahead to help us prepare emotionally, physically and spiritually for this important journey.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Sunday, March 23, 2014
at 9:00 AM

Temple Emanuel Beverly Hills



THIS FRIDAY

SPECIAL SHABBAT PRESENTATION with ARTIST RAMIRO GOMEZ

Friday, March 21, 2014
8:00 PM

Ramiro Gomez was born to immigrant parents in the Inland Empire region of Southern California, east of Los Angeles. After leaving the California Institute of the Arts, Gomez worked as a live-in nanny with a Beverly Hills family, where he keenly observed the relationships between heads of households and their staff. His experiences there were the impetus for the work in Domestic Scenes.

With a mural in West Hollywood, in 2013 Mr. Gomez won "25 Artists to Watch" (Artvoices Magazine) and "100 Green Leaders in Art" (Poder Magazine). For more on his work [click here](#)

NEW DADS GROUP FORMING

Sunday, March 23
10:30 AM at Kol Ami

If you have children 3 years old and younger, please join us for a gathering of singing, playtime (& schmooze for the parents).

Open to all



Honorable John D'Amico, Temple member, on being elected the next Mayor of the City of West Hollywood! John will take office Monday night, April 21, 2014.

Congratulations to John and First Gentleman Keith Rand!



Ramiro Gomez
Friday 3/21 8pm
1200 N La Brea Ave

Let's talk about Kol Ami! What is going well? What would you like to get involved with? What would you like to change? Come to the quarterly Congregation/Board meeting and join the conversation.

Thursday March 27th at 7pm

Please read Rabbi Robin Podolsky's blog which was published last week in the Jewish Journal. [click here](#)



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
April 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
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

SHABBAT POTLUCK DINNER!

April 4, 2014 at 7:00 pm



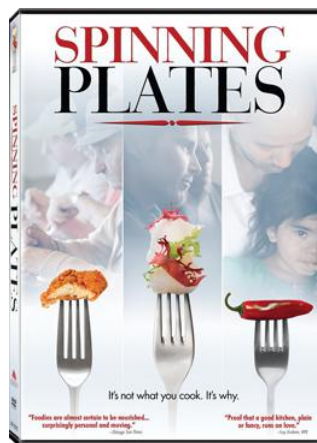
Please join us for a Potluck Shabbat dinner in mid-Los Angeles. We will gather at the home of a Temple member for a special Potluck Shabbat dinner with Rabbi Eger.

Space is limited since we are at a private home, so you must RSVP! To reserve your space and tell us what item you will bring, please contact Debbie Futrowsky at (310-210-7977). You will get the address when you RSVP.

No pork or shellfish please! Please note that Family Services will be held at Kol Ami at 6:45 pm. Rabbi Eger will join us after services.

HAVDALAH AND A MOVIE

Saturday, April 5, 2014 at 7:00 PM



Spinning Plates is an award winning documentary about three extraordinary restaurants and the incredible people who bring them to life. A world-renowned chef competes for the ultimate restaurant prize in Chicago, while privately battling a life-threatening condition. A 150-year-old restaurant in Iowa is still standing only because of an unbreakable bond with the community. And a fledgling Mexican restaurant in Tucson struggles as its owners risk everything to survive and provide for their young daughter. Their unforgettable stories of family, legacy,


locations in Van Nuys and in the Pico-Robertson district.

For more information, please visit their website at:


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](#)

If you are unable to make it to Services and would still like to join us for worship, YOU CAN!

Kol Ami is proud to offer you the opportunity to participate in Friday evening Services live on the web.

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

passion and survival come together to reveal how meaningful food can be, and the power it has to connect us to one another.

**Cost is \$5
Popcorn and drinks
All are welcome
Future Havdalah and Movie nights:
Saturday, May 3, 2014**

Kol Ami Tefillin Workshop Sunday, April 6, 2014 at 10:30 AM



During each Friday night service we recite these words in the V'ahavta:

"Bind [these words of the Shema] as a sign on your hand and let them serve as a symbol on your forehead"

Yet how many of us actually know how?

Girls and guys: come learn how to practice the ancient ritual of binding/laying Tefillin on your arms and forehead. Join us for Kol Ami's Tefillin Workshop, where Rabbi Eleanor Steinman will show us how.

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.

Second Night Community Seder

Come gather together with friends and community to celebrate our passage from constriction to expansiveness - from enslavement, through the desert to liberation.

Tuesday, April 15
at 6:00 pm
Congregation Kol Ami
1200 North LaBrea Avenue
cost is \$67.50
(children under 13 are \$36)

CONGREGATION KOL AMI
WEST HOLLYWOOD'S REFORM SYNAGOGUE

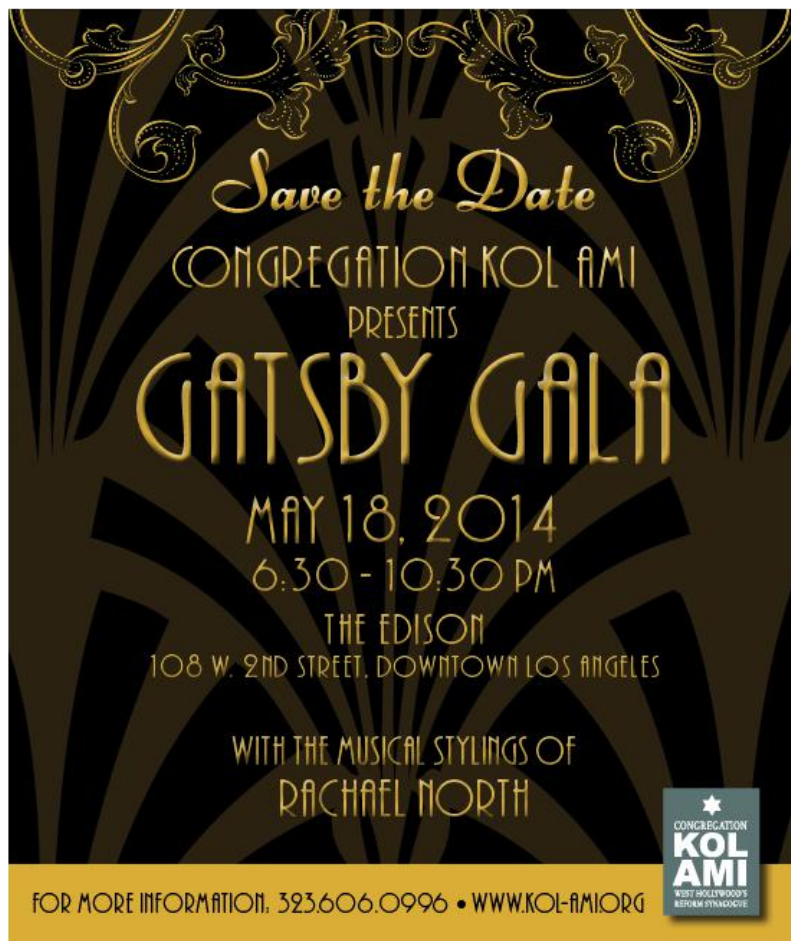
Please register by calling the office at 323/606-0996 or emailing staff@kol-ami.org

We're trying out some new things. Looking to start a new practice, or expand your range of spiritual practice? Join us for -

Meditation
Tuesday nights at 7pm -
no experience necessary

Kundalini yoga Saturdays
noon-1:30 (starting April 5th).
Bring a yoga mat and water.





Calendar

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

6:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday, March 20, 2014

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

Friday, March 21, 2014

8:00 PM Shabbat Services with Rabbi Eger and Cantor Saltzman
 Special Presentation by Artist Ramiro Gomez on Art and
 Social Justice

Sunday, March 23, 2014

9:00 AM Religious School at Temple Emanuel Beverly Hills

10:30 AM New Dads Group

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

7:00 PM Intro to Judaism

7:00 PM Meditation Class

Thursday, March 27, 2014

7:00 PM Congregation and Board Update

7:00 PM Game night at Triangle Square

Friday, March 28, 2014

8:00 PM Shabbat Services with Rabbi Eger and
 Student Rabbi Gimbel

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