

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

Congregation Kol Ami E Koleinu

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TONIGHT

KOL AMI SHAVUOT CELEBRATION AND YIZKOR SERVICE



Each year, Shavuot falls at the conclusion of the counting of the Omer, marking the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai

Please join Rabbi Eger, Cantor Saltzman, and Student Rabbi Greg Weisman

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Study Session 7:00 pm

led by Student Rabbi Greg Weisman

Teaching the role of Mitzvot in our lives today:

Commandments or Suggestions?

Yizkor Service 9:00 pm

For your Shavuot Harvest offering, please bring canned goods for SOVA

You are also invited to Temple Israel of Hollywood for a Yizkor Service on

May 15, 2013 at 8:00 am

7300 Hollywood Blvd.

Los Angeles, CA 90046

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 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

Downtown Lunch 'N Learn

Thursday, May 16, 2013
12:00 noon - 1:00 pm

Work downtown or nearby?
Want to meet others who do?

Come learn the Talmud at Lunch!

Join us for a lively discussion of Jewish law, Jewish ethics and contemporary issues.

This is the last Lunch 'N Learn until the fall.

This will be held in the Law Offices of:
Grunfeld, Desiderio, et al.
707 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 4150
Los Angeles, CA

Lunch and drinks provided
(no fee)

Worship Services

Please join us for Shabbat Services
Friday, May 17, 2013 at 8:00 pm

FAREWELL TO STUDENT RABBI GREG WEISMAN

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

Services are free and everyone is welcome

On Sunday, May 19, 2013 **Student Rabbi Greg Weisman** will be ordained as a Rabbi.
The ceremony begins at 10:00 am at Temple Israel and everyone is welcome.

Temple Israel of Hollywood
7300 Hollywood Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90046

Calendar

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, May 30, 2013 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

For more information, please contact Kol Ami member Howard Goldin at hig1217@aol.com or Bill Gallimore, GMCLA Gives Back at: billgallimore@aol.com.

We hope to see you there!

Help us celebrate 10 Years of Kol Ami SOVA Support

Food Drive
SOVA

HELP US REFILL OUR BARRELS

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

7:00 pm Shavuot Celebration and Study Session
9:00 pm Yizkor Service

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Temple Closed for Shavuot

8:00 am Yizkor Service at Temple Israel
7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

May 16, 2013

12:00 pm Lunch 'N Learn with Rabbi Eger

Friday, May 17, 2013

8:00 pm Shabbat Services with Rabbi Eger and Cantor Saltzman
FAREWELL TO STUDENT RABBI GREG WEISMAN AND CELEBRATION OF HIS ORDINATION

Saturday, May 18, 2013

10:00 am Torah Study with Rabbi Eger

Sunday, May 19, 2013

10:00 am Student Rabbi Greg Weisman Ordination - Temple Israel

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

7:00 pm Ritual Committee Meeting

Friday, May 24, 2013

8:00 pm Shabbat Services with Rabbi Denise Eger and Cantor Aviva Rosenbloom

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*

Watch your mail for proxies.

*Please note the change in time for Shabbat Services



MAZEL TOV



Student Rabbi Greg Weisman
on your Ordination to Rabbi on May 19, 2013

Rabbi Denise L. Eger
on receiving your Doctor of Divinity

Neal Zaslavsky
on being appointed to the Board of Friends of



SOVA is out of CANNED PASTA

We are always in need of personal toiletries, especially razors, toothbrushes, and toothpaste, but right now our priority is canned pasta.

Please pick up some toiletries and canned pasta 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

the West Hollywood Library

**Religious Action Center
of Reform Judaism** 

Reform CA Lobby Day – May 23, 2013

Join together with Reform Jews from across California for a Lobby Day in Sacramento! We will speak to our legislators and the Governor's office about our commitment as Jews to passing just and fair immigration laws in California; as well as the importance of their support in passing the TRUST Act, a critical piece of immigration legislation.

The day will include lobbying training, meetings with legislators and the Governor's staff, and a discussion with Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg. The full schedule is still being developed, but we expect to begin at 8 AM with coffee, bagels and training at Congregation B'nai Israel, lobbying and lunch at the Capitol, and end with a photo session on the Senate floor at 3 PM.

Congregation B'nai Israel
3600 Riverside Boulevard
Sacramento, CA 95818

All who identify as part of the Reform Movement -- clergy, community members and others -- are encouraged to be part of the first Reform CA Lobby Day.

Please fill out the secure registration form

You are welcome to invite others to join you, but each individual must complete a registration form.

We look forward to a day of tikkun olam as we join as a Reform Jewish community to speak out for justice and fairness for so many immigrants who call California home.

Have questions? Please contact Jennifer Kaufman, Chair of the Commission on Social Action.

Shavuot/ Parshat Naso
Numbers 4:21-7:89
Rabbi Denise L. Eger

Today we celebrate the 3rd of our Festivals, Shavuot, the Feast of Weeks. We have been counting the days for fifty days since the second night of Passover looking toward this day. The seven weeks of seven days plus the 50th day was described to us in

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.

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

Saturday, May 18,
2013 at 10:00 am

Everyone
welcome

*Its Time to
Bring in Your
Tzedakah*

Parshat Emor in the book of Leviticus. There we are told to count the omer-a dry measure of barley. The commandment to count the Omer comes from the verse: "You shall count for yourselves, from the morrow of the Sabbath from the day you bring the Omer as a wave offering seven weeks; they shall be complete" (Leviticus 23:15). We count the days in anticipation of this day of Shavuot because this day we celebrate the revelation at Mt. Sinai. We celebrate the Torah and we celebrate the Ten Commandments.

This moment of revelation to our ancestors didn't just happen at one moment in time. It is happening all the time. Even to all of us.

The Torah describes the scene at Mt. Sinai as filled with thunder and lighting and the voice of God coming forth from the smoke of the mountain. It frightened the people of Israel so much that they begged Moses to go and hear the rest. The rabbis teach us that the people of Israel only heard the first two commandments. And then God told Moses on the top of Mt. Sinai the rest of the ten which Moses conveyed to the People of Israel. And the People of Israel accepted the Torah as told to them by Moses.

This moment and the covenant revealed at Sinai have shaped our people and the world. It continues to shape us even now as we learn together how to live up to those ideals as written in the Torah to be an ohev tzedek, a lover of justice and rodef shalom, one who pursues peace.

This is the challenge of the continuing revelation that we celebrate on Shavuot. For Torah study helps us to apply and contextualize these teaching in our lives today. How do we live a life filled with meaning? How can we build a more just and more humane and more holy world by the way we live in the world? The way we seek answers to these questions is the revelation at Sinai for each of us! Shavuot is a perfect time to study Torah and to make a commitment to yourself to delve further into these questions.

On Shabbat we will read the longest Torah portion, Naso. And there we will find the priestly benediction. The blessing is given to the People Israel by Aaron the High Priest. He lifts his hands up and shares the special words: May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and smile upon you. And may God's face be lifted toward you and grant you peace. This ancient blessing is revealed in Torah. And our rabbis taught and still do teach that Talmud Torah K'neged kulam--the Study of Torah is equal to all of the mitzvot. Why? Because if you study Torah seriously, engage in reflective thinking, the mitzvot of our tradition will help frame the way you conduct your actions. And this will indeed be a blessing to you and the world and help bring about peace!

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.

Rabbi Eger Online!

Did you know Rabbi Eger not only keeps up her Torah blog on

May this holiday of Shavuot, of commemoration of the giving of the Torah, inspire you to study Torah and to be the blessing that you are.

Congregation Kol Ami invites you to a
SILVER CELEBRATION
 Rabbi Denise Eger's
 25 Years as a Rabbi

SAVE THE DATE
 6.15.13

Invitation to Follow

CONGREGATION
KOL AMI
 WEST HOLLYWOOD'S
 REFORM SYNAGOGUE

For more information, or to get involved,
 contact Steve Tyler, Event Producer
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IN CELEBRATION OF MOTHER'S DAY...


OH, MOTHER!

Jewish women are setting the record straight about Jewish mothers. And there is nothing cliché about it!

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](#)



Don't miss our final salon of the season!

JEWISH WOMEN'S THEATRE
presents
OH, MOTHER!

MAY 19 - 26 ■ 7:30 PM

Jewish women are setting the record straight about Jewish mothers. And there is nothing cliché about it!

\$25/\$30/\$35

Doors open at 7 pm for a dessert reception. Q & A post-show with talent.

TICKETS:
JEWISHWOMENSTHEATRE.ORG

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For information and tickets click here: <http://www.jewishwomenstheatre.org/>

HARVEY MILK DAY INTERVIEW CLOTHING DRIVE MAY 22 - 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:

http://laqlc.convio.net/site/PageServer?pagename=YW_YS_Homeless_ServicesProjectChicken

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