



Congregation Kol Ami E Koleinu

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Worship Services

Please join us for Shabbat Services
Friday, May 24, 2013 at 8:00 pm

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

In honor of Memorial Day
Honoring our veterans and those who served

Services are free and everyone is welcome

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

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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

Proxies have been mailed or are available in the lobby

*Please note the change in time for Shabbat Services

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: [**info - Youth Center on Highland**](#)

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, May 30, 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!

Help us

AMERICAN JEWISH WORLD SERVICE
Pursuing Global Justice Through Grassroots Change

horizons foundation
Fueling the LGBT Movement

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.

Click here to reserve seats today:

**celebrate
10 Years of Kol
Ami SOVA
Support**

**Food Drive
SOVA**

**HELP US REFILL
OUR BARRELS**



**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.**

[Reserve Seats here](#)

HOLOCAUST AND WWII TRACING

for more information click here:

<http://www.redcross.org/news/press-release/>

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|  <p>American Red Cross</p> | <p>Holocaust and WWII Tracing</p> |
| <p><i>The World's Largest Humanitarian Network</i></p> <p>The American Red Cross extends its humanitarian mission around the world as part of the global Red Cross network – the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and 188 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.</p> <p>With more than 13 million volunteers, we use our presence in nearly every country to build safer communities and provide urgent humanitarian assistance to the world's hardest-to-reach and most vulnerable populations.</p> <p>Contact Us:</p> <p>Learn more about Red Cross services to reconnect families and find contact information for your local Red Cross office at:</p> <p>www.redcross.org/familylinks</p> <p>or, for additional details, email:</p> <p>IntTracing@redcross.org</p> <p>November 2012</p> | <p>The American Red Cross Can Help:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search for missing family members • Get documentation on the wartime and post-wartime experiences of family members or yourself – Access to the complete records of the International Tracing Service and hundreds of other archives. • Obtain documents pertaining to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Deportation ○ Internment ○ Evacuation to former Soviet territories ○ Forced and slave labor ○ Other records needed for restitution <p><i>*Red Cross tracing services are free of charge</i></p>   |

Calendar

Friday, May 24, 2013

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.

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

8:00 pm Shabbat Services with Rabbi Denise Eger and Cantor Mark Saltzman

Monday, May 27, 2013
 Memorial Day - Temple closed

Thursday, May 30, 2013
 7:30 pm Game night at Triangle Square

Friday, May 31, 2013
 8:00 pm Shabbat Services with Cantor Mark Saltzman

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

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 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.

**with Rabbi
Eger**

Will resume in
October 2013

*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***



MAZEL TOV



Kol Ami Religious School

for donating over **\$834.00** to **Save A Child's Heart**
in Israel. This organization brings children with
heart problems from third world countries to Israel
for heart surgery. To learn more about this
wonderful organization click here:

<http://www.saveachildsheart.org/>

**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

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 next time you're at Temple! Check out

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.

Parshat Behalotecha
Numbers 8:1-13:16
Rabbi Denise L. Eger

This week I celebrated my 25th year in the rabbinate as my alma mater-Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion honored me with a Doctor of Divinity, honoris causa. All alumni of the College-Institute are given this great honor after 25years of service to the Jewish people, whether, Rabbi, Communal Worker, Educator or Cantor. Last year our past -president David Levy received his Doctor of Non-Profit Management from Hebrew Union College for his 25 years of service!

Lots of jokes are made about this honorary degree. The D.D. is also known as Doctor of Duration or better yet, the Didn't Die degree! But as Rabbi David Ellenson, president of our seminary said to us: "This is the hardest earned degree we give." This is indeed an earned degree. It is filled with hard work each and every day. This degree was earned through burials and weddings, counseling sessions, teaching adults and children, singing at services, delivering myriads of sermons, invocations and

our loyalty special!
[Click Here](#)

benedictions. This degree was earned asking hard questions, sitting in too many meetings, writing bulletin articles and blog posts. This degree was earned chanting Torah and teaching others to chant Torah, Bar and Bat Mitzvah trainings and celebrations, staff supervision, and answering phones. This degree was earned raising money, heeding the call for social justice, marching in protest marches, and occasionally getting arrested for civil disobedience. The Doctor of Divinity was earned through budget discussions and Congregational meetings, Shabbat services and High Holy Days and Purim Schpiels and Passover Seders! It might have been easier to actually earn a regular Ph.D. After all that is only a couple of years of classes and a thesis to write.

I was very moved on Monday to receive my degree from the College-Institute. I have to say I didn't expect to be so moved. But I thought about my rabbinate from the time of my Ordination until now and the many opportunities I have had to teach and study, share incredibly spiritual moments with so many of you, ups and downs and ups again! I have been truly blessed to serve as your rabbi and truly blessed to serve God and the Jewish people these last 25 years.

There is something magical and holy about 25 years of sacred service.

Perhaps that comes from this week's Torah portion, Behalotecha in the book of Numbers.

Adonai spoke to Moses saying: This is [the rule] concerning the Levites: From the age of twenty five years and upwards, he shall enter the service to work in the Tent of Meeting. From the age of fifty he shall retire from the work legion, and do no more work. He shall minister with his brethren in the Tent of Meeting to keep the charge, but he shall not perform the service; thus shall you do for the Levites regarding their charge. (Num. 8:23-26)

Our Torah portion describes the active service of the Levites in the Tent of Meeting as 25 years of service. After 25 years of active service a Levite did not have to do the daily work of cleaning the altars, preparing the sacrifices for the High priests (Cohanim), singing in the levitical choirs but instead was able to stand guard and protect the Tabernacle.

Well I am not ready to neither retire nor simply be left to stand guard. But I am grateful for these past 25 years and look forward to serving God, the Jewish People and our community for many

years to come.



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