

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

# Congregation Kol Ami E Koleinu

## May 29, 2013

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### Worship Services

Please join us for Shabbat Services  
Friday, May 31, 2013 at 8:00 pm

Services will be led by Cantor Mark Saltzman

Services are free and everyone is welcome

**ONLY 17 DAYS LEFT!**

**HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR TICKETS YET?**

**HAVE YOU PLACED YOUR AD?**

### **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  
hours are encouraged  
to join in! Kol Ami  
will sign off on this  
activity as hours

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Rabbi Denise Eger's  
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Please contact Steve Tyler at [LuckyAct@aol.com](mailto:LuckyAct@aol.com) or  
323/467-1600 to place your ad.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, please  
check our website:  
[www.kol-ami.org](http://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 DAY INTERVIEW CLOTHING DRIVE MAY 22 - JUNE 30

Once again we are teaming with Metropolitan  
Community Church and the Gay Men's Chorus of

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](mailto:hjg1217@aol.com) or  
Bill Gallimore,  
GMCLA Gives Back  
at:  
[billgallimore@aol.com](mailto: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**



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](#)**

## 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 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



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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)



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### 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:**

[Reserve Seats here](#)

**HOLOCAUST AND WW1 TRACING**  
for more information click here:

Social Action co-chair  
 Sam Fibish at:  
[samguy@att.net](mailto: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](http://jfsla.org/sova)




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

**Its Time to  
 Bring in Your  
 Tzedakah  
 Cans!**



Please bring

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

 <p><b>American Red Cross</b></p>	<p><b>Holocaust and WWII Tracing</b></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><b>Contact Us:</b></p> <p>Learn more about Red Cross services to reconnect families and find contact information for your local Red Cross office at:</p> <p><a href="http://www.redcross.org/familylinks">www.redcross.org/familylinks</a></p> <p>or, for additional details, email:</p> <p><a href="mailto:IntlTracing@redcross.org">IntlTracing@redcross.org</a></p> <p>November 2012</p>	<p><b>The American Red Cross Can Help:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Search for missing family members</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Obtain documents pertaining to:       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Deportation</li> <li>○ Internment</li> <li>○ Evacuation to former Soviet territories</li> <li>○ Forced and slave labor</li> <li>○ Other records needed for restitution</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>*Red Cross tracing services are free of charge</i></p>  

**Calendar**

**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

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 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

**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](http://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.



## **MAZEL TOV**




**Rachel Smith Weinstein, daughter of former Kol Ami member Julie Weinstein, on her graduation from Oberlin College.**

**Daniel Tarica and Josh Bobrowsky on the birth of their twin daughters, Rachel and Molly.**

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

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 forget to  
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The next meeting will be held:  
 Tuesday, June 4 at 7:00 pm  
 University Synagogue  
 11960 Sunset Boulevard  
 Brentwood, CA 90049

If you are interested, please contact:  
 Sam Fibish at [samguy@att.net](mailto:samguy@att.net)

Parshat Shelach Lecha  
 Numbers 13:1-15:41  
 Rabbi Denise L. Eger

Most of you know I love all things "Star Trek". Many of you have seen the Star Trek memorabilia in my office. I loved the new movie that premiered a couple of weeks ago "Star Trek: Into the Darkness". I will resist a full movie review here but I will say see it in 3D. (I was never a fan of 3D movies -it mostly made me nauseas but they have definitely improved the technology!)

Seeing it reminded me of old friends, Kirk, Spock, Bones, Scottie and Uhura and the many adventures that I have taken with them and their descendants through the years. The fantasy of space travel inspired me and many others to "Boldly go where no one has gone before." If not off to space travel then to take risks and explore life right here in front of us!

This week our Torah portion Shelach Lecha shares the adventure and exploration of the Promised Land. The away team headed by Joshua and Caleb has one member from each of the tribes except the tribe of Levi (the priesthood). The Israelites have come a long way from Egypt already. They received the Ten Commandments at Sinai, crossed through the Red Sea, defeated a few other tribes in battle and surmounted plagues, insurrection, engaged in a building project together and have the beginning of a nation led by Moses and Aaron and Miriam. The next is to acquire the land to settle upon. Encamped at the edges of the Promised Land, God instructs Moses to send the away team to explore the "land flowing with milk and honey". And the scouts do just that. They bring back bounty to the land but they bring back with them fear and doubt and despair. Rather than bring enthusiasm engendered by the abundance they found there, the scouts dwell in the land of fear. They don't believe that the Promised Land can be theirs.

Instead they bring back false reports of giants too powerful to defeat. The team leaders-Joshua and Caleb try to correct the outright lies but it is 10 against 2. Joshua and Caleb try to remind the people that God is by their side. But this isn't apparent to the People of Israel. Moses has to intercede with God to plead on

behalf of the Israelites and because of their lack of faith the Children of Israel now have to wait until the generation that were slaves dies to enter the Promised Land.

And thus we have a classic dilemma of the Israelites. One that still plagues us today: lack of faith. We Jews are a scientific bunch. We want answers. Logical answers. Just like Spock of Star Trek and the scouts who brought back rich bounty. We want proof of a "land flowing with milk and honey." The bounty of the land was indeed rich but the assessment of the inhabitants by the away team was that residents of the land were unmatched and the Israelites were but grasshoppers compared to them. With that defeatist attitude no wonder they conveyed to the Israelites that they could not meet the challenge before them.

What the Israelites and ten of the scouts didn't realize was that while the land was flowing with milk and honey-something else was flowing through them. God's strength and power would and could have fueled them to reach their own dreams of a new life in a new land. Their fear ate away at that strength.

For the Jewish people today we are our own worst enemies. We are so busy doubting God's existence, refusing to tap into the Holy and Divine strength that resides within us, that reflects the divine energy of our Universe, and then we wonder why our kids intermarry, or a younger generation isn't drawn to synagogue life. We who say I don't really have time for God or I don't believe at all I challenge you to tell me about the God you don't believe in. I bet that is not the God I believe in either!

I do believe that there is a divine and holy power that connects all life. It is the power that helps us reason and think. It is the Divine Intellect that helps us transform our fear into faith. It is this breath of life that helps bring us inner peace and meaning. It is this inner strength that has kept the Jewish people alive despite all kinds of enemies.

I challenge you to boldly go where many Jews have not in recent decades. I challenge you to turn your fears into faith, to tap into the abundance and strength of a divine pulse that beats in us and throughout the universe. Let us learn from the lack of faith our ancestors and be inspired to march forward with faith in God in order to explore our world!

[Forward email](#)



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eKoleinu May 29, 2013

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