

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

Congregation Kol Ami E Koleinu

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Refuah Schlemah

Please keep the

Worship Services

Please join us for Family Shabbat Services
Friday, May 10, 2013 at 8:00 pm

Services will be led by Student Rabbi Greg Weisman
and Songleader Jeremy Gimbel

Services are free and everyone is welcome

**A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STAFF FOR A
WONDERFUL YEAR!**



left to right: Student Rabbi and Religious School Principal, Greg Weisman, Sabrina Eisenstadt, Michelle Paster,

following people in
your prayers:
Beth Bachrach, Lowell
Selvin, Milton Singer,
Bob Weiner, Cathee
Weiss

Ann-Marie Hromadka, Katie Zipkin-Leed, and Rabbi Denise Eger



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

Calendar

Wednesday, May 8, 2013

7:00 pm Intro to Judaism Class

Friday, May 10, 2013

8:00 pm Shabbat Services with Student Rabbi Weisman and
Songleader Jeremy Gimbel
Guest Speaker Noah Kaplan, Residential Manager at The Youth
Center on Highland

Saturday, May 11, 2013

12:15 pm HIV+ Shabbat Luncheon

Sunday, May 12, 2013 HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

8:30 am SOVA

Monday, May 13, 2013

5:00 pm Strategic Options Committee meeting

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**

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

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 celebrate 10 Years of Kol Ami SOVA Support

Food Drive SOVA

HELP US REFILL OUR BARRELS

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**

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***

***Please note the change in time for Shabbat Services**

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**



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, May 12,
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,

Los Angeles, CA

Lunch and drinks provided
(no fee)

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



MAZEL TOV



Laurie Lang
on your appointment as the new CEO of
Project Angel Food

Diane Saltzberg
on the publication of your article:
<http://glo.msn.com/relationships/sm-1534829.story>

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.

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

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



**Please bring
in your cans**

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 by May 13 .

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.

HIV+ SHABBAT LUNCH

Saturday, May 11, 2013 at 12:15 pm

Are you HIV+? Are you looking for support and friends? Join us for a monthly luncheon with no agenda other than to be together!

Rabbi Eger hosts an informal gathering every month to provide a safe and supportive environment for those with HIV in our community. If you would like to attend leave a confidential message for Rabbi Eger at 323/606-0996, ext. 101 or by email: rabbi@kol-ami.org

Anyone is welcome but you must RSVP
Confidentiality is maintained
RSVP: rabbi@kol-ami.org

Parshat Bemidbar
Numbers 1:1-4:20
Rabbi Denise L. Eger

With this week's Torah portion we begin the fourth book of the Torah, Bemidbar/Numbers. After the instructions to the priesthood of Leviticus we are now back to the essential story of our journey across the Wilderness that will lead to the

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 on Twitter!

Promised Land. This is a difficult trek that our people made. It is fraught with dangers, with encounters with hostile tribes. It is truly a refugee's story. The Children of Israel fleeing slavery in Egypt flee toward Eretz Yisrael and a new life of opportunities and a new life of dignity and independence. The ancient Hebrews from whom we trace our history made the journey toward freedom but it wasn't smooth sailing. They didn't have papers to pass freely from one land to another. They were the ultimate undocumented immigrants.

The Reform Jewish community in California has joined together in a new way toward dealing with sensible immigration reform. Our Religious Action Center, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, Just Congregations, the Union for Reform Judaism have joined together to create REFORM CALIFORNIA. This powerful group of rabbinic and lay leaders and members of Reform Congregations are working together in our state on social justice issues.


Here is the mission statement of Reform California:

Reform CA is a joint campaign of the Peace and Justice Committee of the CCAR, the Religious Action Center, and Just Congregations to act powerfully for justice in the state of California. We feel called to come together as a movement to play a role in repairing the California dream. We join with one another to address systemic issues of injustice that hurt our families and our brothers and sisters across lines of race, class, and faith. We seek to build a California that is just, compassionate, thriving and inspiring.

Reform CA is a collaborative effort to combine our movements' commitments to Social Justice and Social Action as an expression of our Spirituality and our commitment to Tikkun Olam: Repairing our world.

The first campaign of REFORM CA is to ensure passage of the TRUST ACT by our State Legislature. The Trust Act would revise our state's police agencies participation in a Federal program designed to hold immigrant's with criminal records in detention at the local level. Unfortunately, there have been significant abuses of this Federal Program detaining law-abiding immigrants for long term without processing even for deportation. This

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has led to separation of families, health problems,
and financial strains on local budgets.

To read more about the Trust Act click here:

<http://data.rac.org//ror2013/TRUSTact-411.pdf>

The Trust Act (AB4) was introduced by Assembly
member Tom Ammiano of San Francisco: Here is a
concise summary:

The bill sets a clear statewide standard to permit
immigration detainers only if the individual has a
serious or violent felony conviction, thereby
protecting battered women, individuals who
report crimes, and others; strengthening local law
enforcement's ability to protect our neighborhoods;
and saving California taxpayers millions of
dollars.

The Trust Act has already been approved in the
Judiciary Committee of our State Assembly. The
governor, Jerry Brown, vetoed a similar bill last
year but has said he would sign a revised bill this
year. You can join with other Reform rabbis, lay
leaders, and congregation members in this effort.
First you can contact your Assembly member and
State Senator to tell them of your support of this
bill. You can come to Sacramento at REFORM CA
first Lobby Day on May 23. The group will be
meeting at Congregation B'nai Israel in Sacramento
and then go to the State Capitol to lobby for the
Trust Act. There is no cost to participate other
than \$18 to cover the lunch at Congregation B'nai
Israel and your travel costs to Sacramento.

This is an opportunity to do exactly what our
tradition teaches. Remember the stranger in your
midst because you were once strangers in the land
of Egypt. Parshat Bemidbar tells of our journey
towards a Promised Land. It's our duty to help
others make that journey in safety, and with
dignity.

To register for the REFORM CA Lobby Day: [click here](#)

We are soon to celebrate Shavuot on May 14-15. We
read from the Book of Ruth: Ruth the Moabite leaves
her homeland and becomes an Israelite. Our history
is one of immigration and adaptation. Let's help
others do it safely and legally while upholding

their dignity. It's part of our Jewish heritage.

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
 WAS HOLLYWOOD'S REFORM SYNAGOGUE

For more information, or to get involved,
 contact Steve Tyler, Event Producer
 (323) 467-1600 • LuckyAct@aol.com

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!

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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"An inspiring, hilarious and heart-warming evening of theater!"
 - Jewish News, about a recent JWT salon show

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

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