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**Refuah Schlemah**

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

- Brian Garfield
- Rick Leed
- Iris Levine
- Tom Royer
- Lowell Selvin
- Henry Somerfeld
- Bob Weiner
- Jane Weisberg

**Remembering Maya**



Today one of America's most beloved poets and writers died. Maya Angelou gave voice to the struggles of growing up in the Jim Crow south. She gave voice to black women and men. She gave voice to Americans who struggled in poverty and she inspired the world with her courage. She was a dancer, an activist, a writer and a poet. In addition to her books and poetry, Maya Angelou wrote numerous plays, children's books and essays. She wrote cookbooks and was an actress starring in movies and television.

Her day of birth fell on April 4 the same day that Martin Luther King, Jr. was shot and for many years she refused to celebrate her birthday. Angelou's distinctive voice whether in interviews or reading excerpts from her books or pieces of her poetry or on stage had a clarity and strength that was conveyed through her words and her eyes. She had seen suffering and pain and also known joy and success as President Obama awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom. She tried to describe the fullness of life through her writings. Her memoir, "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" is an American classic. She was nominated for a Tony, a Pulitzer Prize, and won two Grammys and a National Medal of Arts and had more than ...

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**FORMAL NOTIFICATION**

This is formal notification advising Kol Ami members that Elections and the Annual Congregational Meeting

**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  
June 8, 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](mailto:ecasson@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining us or for other volunteer opportunities at SOVA.

will be held on:

Tuesday, June 24, 2014  
at 7:00 PM

If you are interested being a candidate for an open seat on the Board, please forward the signatures of ten members nominating you as a candidate to Nominating Committee Chair Stuart Leviton at [sleviton@levitonlawgroup.com](mailto:sleviton@levitonlawgroup.com) by 5pm, Wednesday, June 4th.

The candidate slate will be emailed to all members shortly. Proxy forms will be mailed to all members and will be available in the lobby; all proxy votes must be returned to the office by Friday June 20th.



**EAT, PRAY, LEARN**

**SHAVUOT CELEBRATION**  
Tuesday, June 3 at 7:00 PM

with  
Rabbi Denise L. Eger and guest Cantor Susan Caro

Join us for Tikkun leil Shavuot  
with a traditional blintzes and cheesecake dinner

cost is \$10  
Dinner at 7:00 PM  
Study and Festival Celebration at 8:00 PM

We will honor all who are Jews by choice.

**Shavuot Yizkor Service**  
Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at 8:00 AM  
**Temple Israel of Hollywood**  
7300 Hollywood Blvd.,  
Los Angeles, CA 90046

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)


If you are unable to make it to Services and would still like to join us for worship, you can.

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](http://www.rabbieger.wordpress.com)

### **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

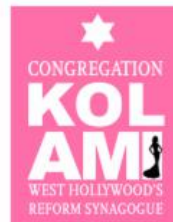
[Click Here](#)

 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](#)

## Congregation Kol Ami Hosts Drag Queen Bingo



June 7th at 7 pm  
Call (323)606-0996 to RSVP  
1200 N. La Brea Ave.,  
West Hollywood

**\$25 for 10 Bingo Cards**

Win Amazing Prizes Including:

Box Seats Tickets to the Hollywood Bowl

Dinner for 4 at Border Grill

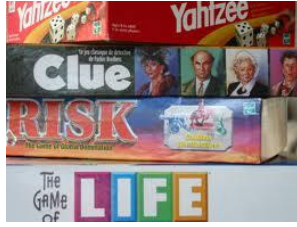
Autographed 10th Anniversary Poster of "Valley of the Dolls"



### **Kol Atid - 20s/30s Potluck May 30!**

Bask in the glow of Shabbat at a potluck dinner with old friends and new. Join us for a great evening hosted by Joseph Harounian in his lovely home (9024 Rangely Ave, West Hollywood, CA 90048). Please bring a potluck item and RSVP to [rsvp@jqinternational.org](mailto:rsvp@jqinternational.org)

## Volunteers needed for Game Night at Triangle Square



Congregation Kol Ami, MCC, and the Gay Men's Chorus are co-sponsors of a 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 the community.

We will meet the last Thursday of each month from 7PM - 9PM. Please arrive at Triangle Square by 6:45PM. 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 too! Your next opportunity to participate is Thursday, May 29, 2014 at 7:00 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)  
Hope to see you there!

## Its Time to Bring in Your Tzedakah Cans!

# FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Presented by  
**JQ International**  
**Congregation Kol Ami**  
**Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters**  
**of Los Angeles**

Friday, May 30th, 2014  
West Hollywood  
7:00pm

Bask in the glow of Shabbat at a potluck dinner\* with the LGBTQ community and learn about the transformative volunteer opportunities waiting for you at Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters of Los Angeles.

Get the full story at <http://tinyurl.com/JQShabbat> and RSVP by May 29th to [rsvp@jqinternational.org](mailto:rsvp@jqinternational.org).

\*Please bring a potluck item such as wine, vegetarian appetizers/side dishes or desserts. Let us know what you'll bring when you RSVP. A Kosher meat entrée will be provided.

#JQShabbatPotluck #JBBBSFridayNightLights  
#KolAtidShabbatPotluck



## Calendar

### Wednesday, May 28, 2014

7:00 PM Human Rights Speaker Series

### Thursday, May 29, 2014

7:00 PM Game night at Triangle Square

### Friday, May 30, 2014

7:00 PM Kol Atid Pot Luck Shabbat at private home

8:00 PM Shabbat Services with Rabbi Eger

### Saturday, May 31, 2014

12:00 PM Yoga

### Tuesday, June 3, 2014

7:00 PM Shavuot dinner and Tikkun and service

### Wednesday, June 4, 2014

8:00 AM Yizkor Service at Temple Israel of Hollywood,  
7300 Hollywood Blvd.

**Temple is closed**

## TONIGHT!



Join the City of West Hollywood for the next Human



Please bring in your cans for donation, and don't forget to pick up a new one while you're here.

## Rights Speakers Series, "Sexuality and Human Rights on the Global Stage"

Wednesday, May 28, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in  
the West Hollywood City Council Chambers

(625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood, CA).

The event will be a thought-provoking conversation about the global fight for human rights regarding sexual orientation and gender identity.

"Sexuality and Human Rights on the Global Stage" will feature panelists Jessica Stern, Executive Director, International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC); Tamara Adrián, Chair of the Committee for the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia (IDAHO-T), World Trans Secretary of ILGA (International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association); Guo Ziyang, Executive Director, Beijing Zuoyou Information & Consulting Center; Damien Lu, Ph.D., Boardmember Aibai Cultural and Education Center; Cynthia Rothschild, Audit Committee Chair, The Astrea Foundation and United Nations Consultant on HIV & AIDS, and women, human, and sexual rights; Dawn Cavanagh, Director, Coalition of African Lesbians (CAL); Sonia Correa, Feminist Research Associate at ABIA.

The panel discussion will be moderated by Mayor Pro Tempore John Heilman and will be followed by a "Call to Action" dessert reception catered by La Conversation Cafe.

Join in the discussion by tweeting us using the hashtag #WeHoHRSS

To RSVP, please email us  
at: [wehohrspeakerseries@gmail.com](mailto:wehohrspeakerseries@gmail.com)

For more information about the West Hollywood Human Rights Speakers Series, please visit: [www.weho.org/hrss](http://www.weho.org/hrss)

Mazel tov to our very own Rabbi Denise Eger on being and  
LGBT Heritage Month Honoree!



*The Fourth Annual*

# LGBT

*Heritage Month Kickoff Celebration*

**FRIDAY, MAY 30<sup>TH</sup> 2014**  
10:00AM

**LOS ANGELES CITY HALL  
JOHN FERRARO COUNCIL CHAMBER**  
200 N. SPRING STREET, ROOM 340  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

**2014 LGBT HERITAGE MONTH HONOREES**  
JASON COLLINS    JUNE LAGMAY    CARLOS SOSA  
RABBI LISA EDWARDS    RABBI DENISE EGER  
MIGNON MOORE & ELAINE HARLEY

**\*\*RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION\*\***  
PLEASE **RSVP** TO: [LGBTRSVP@LACITY.ORG](mailto:LGBTRSVP@LACITY.ORG)

**HOSTED BY:**



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**ERIC GARCETTI**



CONTROLLER  
**RON GALPERIN**



COUNCILMEMBER  
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