



This Friday...

## Freedom Family Shabbat and Dinner

**RSVP for Dinner by Today  
Thursday January 12th!**

**RSVP using the link in the Evite you received last Friday  
OR  
to Rabbi Becky: 818-348-0670 x209 rhoffman@koltikvah.org**

Please join us for a *\*free dinner\** and Freedom Family Shabbat service honoring Martin Luther King on Friday, January 13th.

**5:45 PM - Dinner** catered by our onsite caterer, Lisa Roher of Sunshine Street Bakery.

**6:30 PM - Freedom Family Shabbat** service followed by an oneg with Israeli dancing.



### MYSTERY MITZVAH BUS ADVENTURE A HUGE SUCCESS!



The first ever

Kol Tikvah Mystery Mitzvah Bus Adventure was a huge success! Over fifty congregants participated ranging in ages as young as 18 months! We collected approximately 75lbs of food for SOVA as well as forty pairs of new

socks that were donated to Children of the Night - an organization dedicated to rescuing America's children from the ravages of prostitution.



After receiving our t-shirts and singing a few songs, we piled on the bus bound for adventure! Our first stop was to do some work on bal taschit - environmental justice - mitzvah projects at the Parrot Sanctuary and Serenity Park located on the grounds of the VA. There, we assisted the veteran volunteers in caring for rescued parrots and got our hands dirty clearing an orchard to make room for the healthy growth of fruit trees.

We ate lunch on the grounds enjoying the beautiful weather. From the VA we returned to the valley for some hidur



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We returned to Kol Tikvah exhausted from the busy day of mitzvah work and were treated to a final surprise: ice cream generously offered by a local neighborhood juice bar. Each participant summed up the day in one word - exciting, community, fulfilling, mysterious, etc! - and we all went home feeling fulfilled.

Thank you to all who participated and to Shana Glassman and Tamar Beesley for the incredible work preparing this day.



Your invitation is coming soon!



LIVIN' THE  
CHAI LIFE

## Kol Tikvah Speakeasy

Saturday, February 25th, 2012



**WE'RE PUTTING ON THE RITZ!**

Special music with

**Tifani Coyot & Caren Glasser**

Emcee - Jonathan Latt

**Become a Chai Anniversary Donor!**

Get tickets, VIP parking, tribute ads & more!

**Platinum: \$18,000 (6 tickets)**

**Gold: \$7,200 (4 tickets)**

**Silver: \$3,600 (2 tickets)**

**Bronze: \$1,800 (2 tickets)**

to donate and celebrate our Chai Anniversary year  
contact Cory  
cbg1951@aol.com

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TAKE A HIKE!

Join Rabbi Hanish and Cantor Coyot  
on a

## **Leisurely Havdalah Hike**

at Victory Trailhead

Saturday, January 28th 3:00 pm

Hike is open to congregants of all ages and will conclude with a Havdallah Service  
Victory Trailhead is located at the END of Victory (all the way heading WEST)

Free parking on the street for a short 2 minutes walk to the entrance or \$3 after the gate.

**NOW! Starting in January 2012!**

## **Order Challah from Kol Tikvah's Baker!**

**Ordering Challah is a wonderful way to enjoy Shabbat!  
Challah is freshly baked Friday morning in the Kol Tikvah kitchen.**

**Look for the flyer at Kol Tikvah or click [HERE](#)**

Orders must be placed by Monday the week you want your challah and **will be available for pickup between 12noon-4pm each Friday or will be waiting for you at Friday night services.**

Any challahs not picked up will be put in the freezer and available for pick up at your convenience.

Any questions or special requests please email Kol Tikvah's Baker, Lisa, at [lisarohr@aol.com](mailto:lisarohr@aol.com).



Come to DC with Rabbi Hanish!

## **AIPAC Policy Conference**

March 4th, 5th and 6th in Washington DC

The AIPAC Policy Conference is the pro-Israel community's preeminent annual gathering.

More than 9000 community and student activists from all 50 states, and more than half of the Senate, a third of the House of Representatives and countless Israeli and American policymakers and thought leaders will be there!

Over three jam-packed days, Policy Conference participants choose from hundreds of informative sessions and participate in the pro-Israel

community's largest and most important advocacy day.

**Join Rabbi Hanish and Lisa Hanish for this exciting weekend.**

We have FOUR discounted registrations available right now to Kol Tikvah members for a limited time.  
Contact Rabbi Hanish for more information 818-348-0670

Dear Friends,

The AIPAC National Policy Conference is fast approaching. I'd like you to invite you to travel with my wife, Lisa, and me to Washington D.C. from March 4-6 as part of the Kol Tikvah delegation.

What's AIPAC? The pro-Israel lobby. Now, more than ever, we need to show our support for Israel. This convention attracts over 11,000 participants annually. It is an experience not to be missed with speakers that always include Heads-of-State such as President Obama and Prime Minister Netanyahu. The highlight of the conference is the lobbying we do in support of Israel on the final day of the conference. Having 11,000 Jews descend on the heart of our capitol to state unequivocally that American needs to stand behind Israel, is a responsibility that every Jew should undertake at least once in a lifetime if not yearly.

Interested in joining the Kol Tikvah delegation?

For more information and to register, go to <http://www.aipac.org/en/get-involved/attend-policy-conference>. Once you have completed your registration, please let me know so that I can add your name to the KT contingent list. I have access to a limited amount of discounted registrations. If you cannot afford the full registration, please contact me directly for more information. If you are unable to go due to personal or professional conflicts, please consider making a donation to KT to aid those whose calendars allow travel but are in need of financial assistance.

In late February, we will gather together for a pre-conference orientation. Come for the wine, cheese and dessert, and stay for information that will help you navigate all the wonderful happenings at the policy conference. Details to follow. Additionally, on Sunday night of the conference, we will share a meal and talk about our experiences. Please join Lisa and me at this year's policy conference.

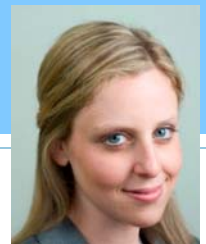
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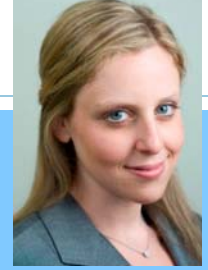
L'Shalom,

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Adult Education





## Getting Into Prayer

An in depth look at the when, where, why and how of Jewish prayer

Presented by: Cantor Coyot

Two more sessions on Mondays 7 - 8:30 pm

- January 23rd
- February 6th

## ADULT TORAH STUDY



By studying the weekly parasha through a Reform lens,  
we wrestle with the text and, hopefully,  
come to understand how Torah relates to our lives in today's world.

MONDAYS 11:30am - 12:30pm

Except the following dates:

- 1/16 - MLK Day,
- 2/20 - President's Day,
- 4/2 - Passover,
- 4/9 - Passover,
- 5/28 - Memorial Day

## Religious School on Winter Break!

We **resume** classes Wednesday, January 18th with Hebrew Pods.

First day back for **Sunday students** is Sunday, January 22, 2012

First day back for **Tuesday students and Teen Tuesday** is Tuesday, January 24,  
2012.

Contact Rabbi Becky at [rhoffman@koltikvah.org](mailto:rhoffman@koltikvah.org) if you have any questions about upcoming programming for the Religious School!

For the full calendar go to the front page of our website!

[www.koltikvah.org](http://www.koltikvah.org)

## KOL TIKVAH PRESCHOOL

Tot Shabbat was so much fun! Thank you Rabbi Jon and Cantor Coyot for this warm and wonderful service! Our next tot Shabbat is being moved to Friday February 10th so that we can celebrate Tu B' Shevat and Shabbat together! Mark your calendars, it's going to be GREAT!

We have a brand new transition class for some of our youngest friends getting ready to enter preschool in the summer or fall 2012. Tuesdays and Fridays the children will meet in Room 6 for songs, stories, arts and crafts, sensory and outdoor fun and so much more. Please check the website [www.koltikvah.org](http://www.koltikvah.org) for enrollment forms. We will continue our infant and me program, I personally am enjoying watching how much growth and change goes on from week to week, and the babies love the music! Enrichment classes, hot lunch programs and challah orders are still being accepted, additional forms are available online or in the ECC office for your convenience.

Tours of the preschool are being scheduled! Please call Laurie at 818-992-1960 to schedule your appointment, we love to show you why children love Kol Tikvah preschool.

### Important Dates:

Monday January 16th - Martin Luther King Jr. - No School

Wednesday January 25th 6:30 - 7:30 pm VIP Night at school

February 10th - Tu B' Shevat & Tot Shabbat all wrapped up in one!

## VIP & Me Night 2012

(Bring your dad, grandpa, uncle or friend. If you have more than 1 child in the school a second VIP is encouraged.) We will be making a special after dinner treat together as well as arts and crafts, stories and singing.

Wednesday, January 25th

6:30 - 7:30 PM

In your child's classroom

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VIP & Me Night

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Room Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Adult Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Please Return to your child's teachers!

Kol Tikvah Preschool 20400 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills, CA 91364

Preschool Office: (818) 992-1960

**"Meals On Wheels" of the West Valley** is now open to serve all who need meals delivered to their door. It's 1 hot meal and a sack lunch each day for 5 days at the

**Send Well Wishes**  
with a donation to one of Kol Tikvah's

minimum cost of \$50. A weekend option is a frozen meal and a sack lunch for \$10 each day, delivered on Thursday or Friday. Please call (818) 374-5350 to register or get information.

## Free 10-Day Israel Trips with URJ Keshet

URJ Keshet is an official provider of Taglit-Birthright Israel trips. Each trip is 10-days and is absolutely **free**. Trips are open to Jewish young adults who are **18-26** and who have never been to Israel on a peer program. URJ Keshet is a part of the Reform Movement, and our trips are specially designed for participants who come from a **Reform Jewish background**. Start the journey. Learn More:

[www.gokeshet.org](http://www.gokeshet.org)

## TEENS!

### Are you ready to change the world?

Then, get excited for the Bernard and Audrey Rapoport L'Taken Social Justice Seminar: California!

In partnership with the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC), California congregations will have the opportunity to impact our political process as you share your views on social justice topics with decision-makers in Sacramento.

**MORE INFORMATION:**  
[Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism](#)

**funds**

**now online!**

[Make a Tribute](#)

## Happy 18th Anniversary Kol Tikvah!

A year-long celebration of the  
CHAI LIFE!



Join the fun in planning events!  
Email Cory Garson at [cbg1951@aol.com](mailto:cbg1951@aol.com)  
or Rachel Paul at [rachelpaulemail@aol.com](mailto:rachelpaulemail@aol.com)  
or Maxine Straus at [Booma@charter.net](mailto:Booma@charter.net)

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Jon Hanish and on Twitter at  
RabbiJonHanish**

**Follow Cantor Coyot on Facebook and  
Twitter at CantorTifaniCoyot**



**Are you or someone you know in need  
due to the economic downturn?**

As part of its response to the recession, The Jewish Federation created an **Emergency Cash Grants** Program to provide grants to Jewish families in Los Angeles in urgent need of financial support.

Contact Rabbi Hanish for more information.  
[rabbihanish@koltikvah.org](mailto:rabbihanish@koltikvah.org)

## Support Temple Kol Tikvah

### Register your Vons/Pavilions and Ralphs Club Cards Today!

And support your Kol Tikvah Community at absolutely no cost to you. These organizations send us a check each quarter in appreciation of your participation. Please help us by visiting the following websites and entering in the designated identification number.

eScrip Vons/Pavilions: [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com). Select to either enroll in the program or to renew (at the bottom of the page). Kol Tikvah's group ID # is 139589409.

For Ralphs card: Either log on to [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com) and select at the bottom of the page "Community Contribution" (under Services). Kol Tikvah's ID # is 83217. Or you can print the [Ralphs Rewards Community Contributions flyer](#), take it to Ralphs Market next time you go shopping and hand it to the cashier, when you are ready to pay, along with your Rewards Card (this has to be done once year only!).

Thank you for your support!

