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The Guys & Meidels performing *Showstoppers: The Sequel* to an enthusiastic, packed audience.

HAPPY HOUR Musical SHABBAT

Friday, August 7

5:00pm: Happy Hour with NextGen

5:00pm: Young Children & Religious School Programming

6:30pm: Services, dinner to follow

Join us for this wonderful, musical, spiritual, and kid-friendly evening as we introduce new and potential members to our community.

Dinner:
\$15 Members
Prospective members are our guests.

MAKE YOUR LIFE A MASTERPIECE

RABBI MICHAEL GOTLIEB

This article appeared in the Jewish Journal on June 12, 2015.

Having recently attended the college graduation of our youngest child, I could not stop thinking about what I might say if given the opportunity to offer the commencement address. Five thoughts come to mind:

Continue to learn and teach: At the moment you were born — whether conscious of it or not — all of you have been students. All of you were constantly learning from others, patterning and

comparing yourselves to the world around you.

At the same time, you have always been teachers. Beginning with infancy, you taught your parents and family about the preciousness of life and the awe-inspiring responsibility of raising a child simply by your being born. You've taught them about themselves, as they observed and raised you.

As you leave the womb that is the college environment, all of you become teachers. If not literal credentialed teachers, figuratively so. You are now college graduates. Teach and share what you've learned over the past four years. Don't

gloat over your degree or your school's namesake.

Develop and maintain a humble soul: All of you feel a great sense of accomplishment; you've worked hard. But it's expected that you worked hard and made sacrifices while in college. College is not summer camp. If anything, being in college is a supreme gift. Metaphorically, all of you stand on the shoulders of the generations that have come before you. All of you have benefited from those who built and maintained your school.

By now you should also know some students wishing to attend particular schools have been turned down for

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INCOMING PRESIDENT: JOEL KRISCHER



JOEL KRISCHER, President

We begin our 2015-16 fiscal year with two important acknowledgments. First, a tip of the hat (or *kippa*) to our outgoing President, Manny Baker. Under his leadership, we have completed some important projects (like updating our bylaws) and begun some others that are still a work in progress (like updating our computers and software). We grew stronger as a community in many ways on his watch, so please join me in a big *kol hakavod* to Manny.

Second, July marks the 20th anniversary of Rabbi Gotlieb's tenure with us. TWENTY YEARS. We are truly blessed—in every sense of that word—to have him as our congregation's leader. Ours is the warmest and most welcoming synagogue around, strengths that keep us succeeding and growing while others are struggling. We owe much of that to Rabbi Gotlieb's leadership and vision. So thank you Rabbi; here's to hoping—and expecting—that our next twenty years together will be even better.

And that brings us to the coming years. We turned a corner three years ago when we were fortunate enough to add Cantor Cohen and our Education Director, Sharone Weizman. In that time, as

they have worked together with Rabbi Gotlieb, Head of Early Childhood and Arts Programs Masha Savitz, and Youth Director and Events Coordinator Cindy Roth, we have seen our religious school grow remarkably in both size and quality, our early childhood programs like PJ Library take off with new energy, and our synagogue events and religious services achieve a new level of joy, vitality, and just plain fun. This is not an accident. It is the result of their individual and collective hard work, dedication and creativity and the unflagging support they receive from Executive Director Kathie Rose and her staff.

Our challenge is to build on this momentum, and we are already off to a good start. Our new "Summer in the City" program (see page 7) offers an impressive assortment of KM activities throughout the summer, including important membership drive events in August and September. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us in the fun. We also have improvements coming in some unglamorous and behind-the-scenes things like our website, which will (hopefully soon) be more interactive and useful. And our biggest challenge of all continues to be making sure our finances are more predictable and sustainable on an ongoing basis. We made progress on this front last year, and will talk more in the coming months about how we can make further progress going forward. But for now, let's all have a great summer and let's make sure we make KM part of it.

GUYS & MEIDELS: A HUGE HIT!

CANTOR SAMUEL COHEN

Wow, what a wonderful way to end the fiscal year and begin summer! The Guys and Meidels concert last month was a smashing success. The Guys & Meidels returned to KM for a lovely performance of solos, duets, and quartets, with numbers ranging from classical *chazzanut* to Disney's *Frozen* "Let it Go." The evening was enhanced with the debut of the KM Half-Notes, KM's very own children's choir, who prepared diligently for the performance. The 300 people in the attendance sang along at the finale—the *Adon Olam* melody that we sing regularly on Shabbat. It was the perfect finish to a KM extravaganza.



Singing sensations: The Guys.

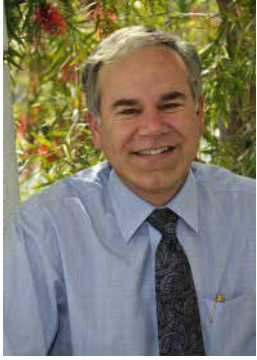


The packed audience enjoying the Guys & Meidels.



The spectacular debut of the KM Half-Notes.

MAKE YOUR LIFE A MASTERPIECE...



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inexplicable reasons. Some students get accepted for reasons equally inexplicable.

A humble soul knows and a prudent mind understands that some things in life

come about due to luck or randomness. Even if you worked diligently through grade school and did well on college entrance exams and got accepted to the school of your choice, you're lucky to have had other things given to you allowing you to succeed. So, keep a humble perspective about what you've accomplished. You have been given at least as much.

Include God/godliness in your life: College is a secular institution — it is not a seminary where you'd expect to grapple with such ideas. But with a notion of the transcendent, and the discipline of healthy religion, you will live a more balanced and enriched life. You will handle failures better and you will understand and appreciate success more. With all the questions you posed while in college, ponder this: The

most important question one can possibly ask is whether God exists.

Don't be fearful: Go out and take some risks. There is an obsession in our day with health and safety. You've been told to fear changes in the environment, certain types of food, strangers, and the economy to name a few. Enough! Go live. Some parents think their duty is to raise children. That's only partially correct. The duty of parents is to raise adults. So, become adults.

Arguably, you are at a point in your life where you are the most resilient. Take some chances — don't be fearful. Learn how to fail and you'll learn how to succeed. A successful person has failed many more times than one deemed a failure. If not now, when?

Enjoy the journey: Life goes fast. Notice I said life goes fast, not time. Time is a human convention. We've invented and formatted time to help us function and "navigate" through life. There is no such thing as time, per se. A waste of time is, more emphatically, a waste of life.

Don't think of life only in terms of goals to be met, quotas to be filled and appointments to be kept. In your haste to

get a job, choose a spouse, pay off a debt (including student loans), take a breath and reorient yourself; savor the journey as much as, if not more than, the goals you set out to achieve.

One last thought: Sadly, for many of you, college will be the high point of your life — I sincerely hope it is not. Like the Bible's portrayal of the Seraphs wielding fiery batons at the entrance to the Garden of Eden, preventing man and woman from ever returning, you too can never return to your undergraduate days. Don't fret; that's a good thing.

The biblical depiction is an allegorical way of saying, "Get going — don't even think of coming back." And so it is with all of you — it's now time to move on, to get going.

Contrary to popular opinion, which holds college life is not indicative of the real world, every occurrence we encounter is real. Life, wherever and however lived, is not an illusion. But college is only a few years in a lifetime of accumulated experiences, ongoing challenges and adventures. So, go out and continue to learn and teach; develop a humble soul; include God; don't be fearful; enjoy the journey, and in the process, make your life a masterpiece.

NEXTGEN

CINDY ROTH, Youth Director & Event Coordinator

We're so excited about this summer's Next Gen events! On August 7, during the synagogue-wide Happy Hour Musical Shabbat, we invite you to join us in pouring and serving drinks for our community, participating in this musical Shabbat, and then enjoying an after-hours party. On Tuesday, August 18, we're going to the Hollywood Bowl for *2001: A Space Odyssey*. Tickets will be subsidized and are only \$18 a person. Lastly, we will be hosting the Appletini Mixer post-Leil Rosh Hashanah Services on Sunday, September 13. Feel free to bring your Jewish friends to any of these events and please contact Cindy Roth with questions and RSVPs at 310-829-0566.

Hollywood Bowl
PICNIC & ENJOY "2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY."
TUES. AUG. 18
8:00PM

Appletini Mixer
DRINKS FOLLOWING LEIL ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES
SUN. SEPT. 13

Happy Hour Musical Shabbat
NEXTGEN-HOSTED HAPPY HOUR WITH MUSIC
FRI. AUG. 7
5:00PM

NextGen Summer Events 2015

Contact Cindy Roth for details & to RSVP

KADIMA

Kadima had a great time at the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit at the California Science Center (pictured below)! Please be on the lookout for other great events happening in the next few months and contact Cindy with questions.



Kadima at the Dead Sea Scrolls.

PJ LIBRARY & BEYOND



MASHA SAVITZ,
Head
of Early
Childhood
& Arts
Programs

If you peek into our building on the first

Friday evening of the month, you will find children sitting on a bright green rug or colorful parachute listening to a story, busy creating a craft project, and singing the blessings over juice, challah, and candles on a table with a fluorescent pink table cloth and huge tot-sized cardboard candle holders.

Our special community joins together for a light dinner as families sit together in a relaxed and comfortable environment. Together, we end a busy workweek and welcome Shabbat with the familiar faces of the "regulars" who attend our program and the new faces of soon-to-be "regulars."

Partnering with the LA Jewish Federation and the Harold Grinspoon Foundations, PJ Library has been a great asset and valuable addition to our shul. This partnership is a vital opportunity to create meaningful Jewish experiences for our young families and children to connect with the greater Los Angeles Jewish community while introducing unaffiliated families into our warm embracing congregation.

As we wrap up another school year, we continue to offer PJ Library Programs (next event: Friday, August 7) with crafts and music as well weekly Tot Shabbat with Torah learning and snacktivities as we share fun and holiness with our children all year long. See the calendar (pgs. 8-9) for more wonderful events for young children and families throughout the summer.



Ohr L'Olam Family Day: enjoying frozen yogurt (above left) and the playground at the beach (above right), and singing with seniors at Barnard Park Villas (below).



Our amazing team. Thank you to all for making this school year so successful!

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



SHARONE WEIZMAN
Director of Education

Shalom Chaverim! While the school year has ended, please remember we have Shabbat Unplugged with Yafit and Livya every week throughout the summer and we have a special Religious School Pajama Havdalah lined up for our 2nd-7th graders on Saturday night, July 18th.

May and June were busy months. In May, we promoted our school and KM to the greater Los Angeles community at the Israel Fair at Rancho Park. Our Religious School booth in the Education Pavilion had a creative “snackivity” that made our booth among the busiest and most popular, and the event was a wonderful branding and marketing opportunity for our school and KM.

Our 4th and 5th Grade students have been studying lifecycle events with an interactive program called “Bear Mitzvah,” and we finished up with the Rabbi and Cantor leading joyful “Bear Mitzvah” and “Bear Wedding” ceremonies for the stuffed animals the students had named at the Baby “Bear Naming” ceremony earlier in the year. Our teachers and students were *kvelling* over these two *simchas*.

We also had two significant Ohr L'Olam projects in the last two months. For the JWW Walk to End Genocide, our students learned about JWW, made signs for the walk, and decorated footsteps

to show why we walk and how we can influence change in the world. For Barnard Park Villas, a community for seniors at the beach, our 2nd-7th Grade students led interactive morning *T'filot* and songs, a memorable, meaningful and moving experience with intergenerational learning and friendships. Our morning continued with Boardwalk Yogurt and time at the beach with games and fun in the sun!

Please join me in thanking all of our teachers and our assistant, Chantal Hakakayan, for all their hard work, commitment, passion and love. Our school is blessed to have such a committed and fabulous team of teachers at KM. And while we must bid a bittersweet farewell to Phil Rubinstein, who is off to Israel as part of his Rabbinical School program and to Barbara Heller, who is getting married and is moving to San Diego—*mazel tov* to both of you—we already have some outstanding candidates to fill their very formidable shoes.

Please also join me in thanking our Education Committee, parents, and students for their efforts and assistance throughout the year and especially for a phenomenal last day of school and Parent Closing Ceremony. Your collective support, dedication and help has been invaluable. (And please remember to fill out your year-end evaluations.)

Mark Your Calendars!

- Pajama Havdalah – July 18, 7:30pm
- RS Open Houses - Friday, August 7 and Sunday, August 23
- First Day of School/Parent Orientation – Sunday, August 30



Our students at the “Bear Mitzvah” (left) and celebrating the “Bear Wedding” (right) under the *chuppah* with Rabbi Gotlieb and Cantor Cohen.

GRATITUDE—KM STYLE

SUSIE YURE', Membership Committee

Our KM community is a wonderful blend of members who are friends. We enjoy and are comfortable in each other's company. We meet at events, see familiar faces or someone introduces us. In addition to Shabbat, we've had many events this year to promote and sustain membership, and fun-filled summer activities are still available for more opportunities to connect. We are so thankful to the many who organize, teach, inspire, sing, listen and volunteer, making these experiences possible and memorable.

Acknowledging gratitude has wonderful side affects. One technique in sharing one's gratitude is to tune into the positive events in your life and write a letter expressing your thanks. What would be the contents of your letter to your synagogue, Kehillat Ma'arav? How has our community impacted your life and those of your family? What classes, events or experiences have brought you closer to this congregation?

There is an energy at KM that is infectious. It's weekly at Shabbat Services including

educational programs for children. It's holiday celebrations, religious school, lectures, concerts, classes, programming for all ages, choir and so much more. This is your shul, get involved and support it by showing up.

Say "yay" to your shul and encourage friends and family to join our wonderful congregation. Bring them to High Holy Days to get a taste of who we are. This is how our synagogue grows, it's really up to you!

GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop is an ongoing fundraiser for KM and your purchases make this endeavor a success. This is also a wonderful way for us to support Israel, and 100% of the Gift Shop profit goes back to our synagogue!

SUMMER HOURS:

- *Any time the office is open
- *By emailing bubbieevy@aol.com to set up an appointment

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MEN'S CLUB

STEPHEN SHAPIRO

Men's Club Vice President, Programming Chairman

UPCOMING EVENT: Please join us for our next Men's Club event: a showing of the movie, *The Life & Times of Hank Greenberg*, on Monday, July 20 at 7pm. Hank Greenberg was a Jewish baseball player who nearly broke Babe Ruth's 60 home run record in 1938. He famously chose not to play for the Detroit Tigers on Yom Kippur in 1934 during a heated pennant race. Not only did Greenberg experience antisemitism, but he was also one of the few baseball players to warmly welcome Jackie Robinson, the first black Major League baseball player. You don't want to miss this movie! Suggested donation: \$5.00.

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF HANK GREENBERG



RECENT EVENT: Last month, David Bibas, Curator, Technology Programs at the California Science Museum, took a large group from Kehillat Ma'arav Synagogue on a narrated private tour of the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit. Following the tour, many of our members stayed on to enjoy the IMAX movie, Jerusalem "3D." Many thanks to Joel Strom for facilitating this event.



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Young Children & Families



Religious School



NextGen



Shabbat & Holidays




Membership & Community





Adult Education

July




 **Religious School Pajama Havdalah***
 Saturday, July 18 (2nd-7th Grade), 7:30pm
Fun activities, meaningful services, tasty food, movies, and more during this sleepover!



 **Film: *The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg****
 Monday, July 20, 7:00pm
Enjoy the film and discussion, sponsored by KM's Men's Club.


 **Noah's Ark & Picnic***
 Wednesday, July 22, 12:00pm
Bring your little ones to the Noah's Ark Exhibit at the Skirball with our community.



 **Bill Graham Exhibit at the Skirball***
 Wednesday, July 29, 12:00pm
Tour the Bill Graham Exhibit at the Skirball.

August


Happy Hour Musical Shabbat: Friday, August 7
   5:00pm Children's Programming
 5:00pm Happy Hour
 6:30pm Services
A musical, spiritual, and kid-friendly evening, followed by dinner.*

  **Shabbat in "3D"**
 Saturday, August 15, 9:30am
Daven, Drash, and Dine with Rabbi, Cantor, and the KM community.

 **2001: A Space Odyssey at the Bowl***
 Tuesday, August 18, 8:00pm
Meet the NextGen for live music at the Hollywood Bowl. Bring a picnic and spend the evening with us!

  **Havdalah at the Beach**
 Saturday, August 22
Join our community for a musical bonfire as we begin a new week together.

  **Open "Bayit" Festival**
 Sunday, August 23 3:00pm-6:00pm
Come for a lively Open House afternoon with activities for all ages. Don't miss it!

 **1st Day Religious School**
 Sunday, August 30, 9:00am
Religious School resumes. Join us for classes and Parent Orientation.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JULY 2015 TAMMUZ/AV 5775			1 7:15pm KM Choir	2	3 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30pm Shabbat Services 7:51pm Candle Lighting	4 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Club/Tot Shabbat INDEPENDENCE DAY
5	6	7	8 7:15pm KM Choir	9 7:00pm JNET	10 7:50pm Candle Lighting	11 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Club/Tot Shabbat
12	13 7:00pm Membership Comm. Mtg	14	15 7:15pm KM Choir	16	17 7:47pm Candle Lighting	18 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Club/Tot Shabbat 7:30pm RS Pajama Havdalah
19	20 7:00pm Men's Club Movie: Hank Greenberg Film	21	22 12:00pm Nah's Ark Exhibit @ the Skirball 7:15pm KM Choir	23	24 7:43pm Candle Lighting	25 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Club/Tot Shabbat 8:00pm Tisha B'Av Services
26 TISHA B'AV	27	28	29 12:00pm Bill Graham Exhibit @ Skirball 7:15pm KM Choir	30	31 7:38pm Candle Lighting	

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday!

(Celebrants 18 & Younger)

Yona Bogale Arussi
Rachel Brooke Bernstein
Raphael Bono
Alexander Brown
Theodore (Theo) Castel
Millie Sidney Colchamiro
Ethan Harris Dula
Stavi Kuba
Tillie Cohen Morrisette
Lindsay Oberman
Mia Danielle Ricanati
Zoey Silverman
Riley Slater
Matthew Benjamin Steiglitz

Happy Anniversary!

Haim Dov & Lynn Beliak
44th Anniversary
Valerie Zim & Michael Bono
20th Anniversary
Jeremy & Lee Broekman
17th Anniversary
Pepe & Diane Cancino
9th Anniversary
Eugene & Heather Dula
15th Anniversary
Jill & Rabbi Michael Gotlieb
31st Anniversary
Wayne and Gaylen Grody
25th Anniversary
Evan & Brenda Krantz
44th Anniversary
Shelley Rose & Jeff Kravitz
35th Anniversary

Marsha Lewin Latiner & Forrest Latiner
14th Anniversary
Donald & Lynda Moses
46th Anniversary
Veronica Kun & Steven Popper
29th Anniversary
Jeffrey & Minda Salberg
17th Anniversary
Marla Rubin & David Shapendonk
11th Anniversary
Nathaniel & Bernice Stein
60th Anniversary
Barry & Linda Zwang-Weissman
38th Anniversary
Russell & Melissa Witt
2nd Anniversary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AUGUST 2015 AV/ELUL 5775						1 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Club/Tot Shabbat
2 10:00am Board of Trustees Retreat	3	4	5 7:15pm KM Choir	6 12:00pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi	7 5:00pm PJ Library 6:30pm Happy Hour Musical Shabbat & Dinner <i>7:31pm</i> Candle Lighting	8 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Club/Tot Shabbat
9	10	11	12 7:15pm KM Choir	13 12:00pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi 7:00pm JNET	14 <i>7:24pm</i> Candle Lighting	15 9:30am Shabbat Services in "3D" 11:00am Shabbat Club/Tot Shabbat
16	17	18 8:00pm NextGen "2001: A Space Odyssey" at the Hollywood Bowl	19 7:15pm KM Choir	20 12:00pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi	21 <i>7:16pm</i> Candle Lighting	22 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Club/Tot Shabbat 7:30pm Havdalah at the Beach
23 3:00pm Open Bayit Festival	24	25	26 7:15pm KM Choir	27 12:00pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi	28 <i>7:07pm</i> Candle Lighting	29
30 9:00am Religious School Begins	31					

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday!

(Celebrants 18 & Younger)

Dylan Coulam
Evan Abraham Daghighian
Zachary Joseph DeHovitz
Seth Matthew Dula
Talia Hava Finn
Joshua Ganezer
Jacob Steven Goldberg
Solomon Simon Jussim
Dean Leventhal
Ayla Frances Moses
Cash Obando Negrin
Julia Silk

Barbara Turner & Mark Anderson
7th Anniversary
Bernard & Beverly Bienstock
43rd Anniversary
Mitchell & Judith Blake
32nd Anniversary
Michel Bron & Jacolyn Cutler
3rd Anniversary
Leslie & Judy Eber
49th Anniversary
Harold & Celeste Erdley
63rd Anniversary
Alan & Lucy Fein
30th Anniversary
David & Alyssa Ganezer
23rd Anniversary
William & Janet Glucksman
38th Anniversary
Ira Robert & Linda Sue Grose
47th Anniversary

Happy Anniversary!

Dennis & Kathleen Gura
32nd Anniversary
Oscar Bolanos & Dana Hagooli
9th Anniversary
Shaul & Anat Kuba
26th Anniversary
Alex & Sonja Leventhal
4th Anniversary
Robert & Amy Goldberg Levin
16th Anniversary
Richard & Barbara Levy
41st Anniversary
Darren and Sharon Lewin
15th Anniversary
Nathan & Kathy Lichtman
41st Anniversary
Mayer & Fern Margolis
47th Anniversary
Ness & Judy Moadeb
47th Anniversary
Jonathan and Heather Moses
19th Anniversary
Sanford and Loana Rosenblatt
19th Anniversary
Susan Freiman Ross & Richard Ross
10th Anniversary
Baruch & Sara Rothenberg
2nd Anniversary
Sheldon & Judith Spector
49th Anniversary
Alan & Susan Sperling
42nd Anniversary
Joseph & Cynthia Spierer
3rd Anniversary
Bruce & Sonya Sultan
44th Anniversary
Richard & Bobbi Thompson
35th Anniversary

FROM THE RITUAL COMMITTEE

DENNIS GURA, on Behalf of the Ritual Committee

The Etz Chaim synagogue in Chania, Crete is tucked away on a dead-end alley off a secondary street up from the town's port. The other synagogue was destroyed in the war, and, while Etz Chaim was trashed, it survived. In 1994, Nico Stavroulakis, the founder of the Jewish Museum of Athens, moved to Chania and, with his own resources and little information, began refurbishing the synagogue.

The fixtures were long gone, but, left on the walls after 50 years of neglect, was the outline of the principal pieces. On the eastern wall, the Ark; on the western, in local Greek-Roman style, was a raised, covered bima, with seats for the community notables. In the middle stood the cantor's table. The men sat on benches lining the north and south walls; the women's section was upstairs, behind a lattice.

After years of virtually single-handed work, Stavroulakis organized a dedication ceremony in 1999. It marked Etz Chaim's new roles as a religious center for the small, newly reconstituted community and as a memorial to a community with ancient roots, but which was another victim of the barbarism.

In spite of local resistance, financial constraint and, unfortunately, even physical attack (the building suffered two arson attacks in

2010, damaging the women's section, which served as the library, and destroying the little surviving archival material), Stavroulakis persisted.

Etz Chaim is a small, eclectic community. Crete is an insular place, and Etz Chaim is a haven for the few Jews of Chania—a mix of West European migrants and Israelis—and non-Greek “outsiders”, like the older German woman long married to a Cretan Greek Orthodox man, who desired some non-Greek company at the kabbalat shabbat services.

The place is a local attraction, listed on the tourist maps, and last year received over 26,000 visitors. One morning, before the sparse crowds arrived, I was able to perform my morning prayers there.

“Here, in a place abandoned for 50 years, converted to storehouse and stable, one remarkable man revived, at the minimum, the memory of a community.”

At the second blessing of the *Amida*, which ends with “*m'chayah ha-matim*”, “who gives life to the dead”, I shuddered. Here, in a place

abandoned for 50 years, converted to storehouse and stable, one remarkable man revived, at the minimum, the memory of a community. Perhaps then, in that prayer, I was thanking the Almighty for sending back to Crete His own agent. It is a small building, modest and homey, but generations of simple piety echo from those white-washed walls.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO

Marsha and Laurie Furst on the passing of Marsha's father, Irving Kagan, Sunday, April 12.

Neville and Fay Pimstone on the passing of Milton Meyers, Neville's cousin, on Friday, May 8.

Sharon and Joel Krischer on the passing of Sharon's mother, Sue Wolff, on Sunday, May 31.

Glen and Monica Titan on the passing of Glen's father Richard Titan, on Thursday, June 4.

Judy and Manny Baker on the passing of Manny's sister-in-law, Jacqueline Baker, on Tuesday, June 9.

MAZEL TOV TO

Yafit and Oran Schachter-Josephson on the birth of their son Harel on April 13.

Sharon and Joel Krischer on the birth of their grandson, Evan Wolff Karsenty, on May 17.

Judy and Ness Moadeb on the birth of their grandson, Kaden Gabay on May 18.

Rabbi and Jill Gotlieb on the marriage of their daughter, Alissa, to Zach Fierstadt on Sunday, May 31.

Judy and Mitch Blake on the marriage of their son, Jonathan to Shulie Eisen on Sunday, June 7.

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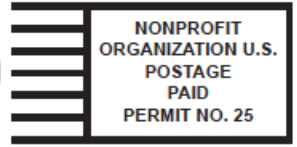
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