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News & Events from Kehillat Ma'arav

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Enjoying a "snackivity" at our Community-Wide Membership Open House. For more details, see page 3.

SHABBAT IN 3D

Saturday, September 13th
9:30am

DAVEN, DRASH & DINE
with Rabbi Gotlieb on Saturday, September 13th as we discuss "Spiritual Botox: Smoothing out the Wrinkles in Our Soul." Join us for services, lunch, engaging discussion, and kid-friendly programs. Shabbat in "3D" is unique to KM, so bring your friends to share in the discussion and enjoy a Shabbat morning with our community.

CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST

RABBI MICHAEL GOTLIEB

The best way to understand the Middle East conflict is by going back to the basics. While the solution to the ongoing impasse is complex, and maybe out of reach for the foreseeable future, the underlying cause of the conflict is simple. Here are four (4) basic points that will help you gain a fuller perspective.

1) Israel was not created because of the Holocaust. If the Holocaust never occurred, the Jewish nation state would still have been created. Remember, Theodore Herzl, the organizer of modern Zionism, died in 1904. That was 10 years before WWI, long before the Holocaust. A.D. Gordon, who was Eastern Europe's equivalent to Herzl, died in 1922. The first Zionist Congress was established in 1897.

By the late 19th century, it was clear, the political workings for the reestablishment of a Jewish homeland, while both nascent and extremely fragile, were well under way.

2) After the Romans destroyed/conquered Jerusalem in the 1st century, there were a number of different groups that ruled the region in brief succession. From 1301 until approximately the end of WWI, the Ottomans controlled Israel. Palestine fell under British rule beginning after WWI until Israel's formation in 1948. The Romans named Israel Palestine; conquering armies often renamed their spoils. Palestine is not an Arabic term. Note: after the destruction of Jerusalem, no other foreign nation declared Jerusalem its capital. No other

nation ruled its empire from within Israel. The land was largely left vacant, though numbers of Jews always lived there. In 1917, the United Kingdom's foreign secretary, Arthur James Balfour, confirmed support of the British government to reestablish Israel as a homeland for the Jews.

3) Question: What do you do when you have two national entities, the Jews and the Palestinians, vying for the same piece of land? The most sensible thing is to divide it. That was proposed by the United Nations. It was accepted by the Jews and rejected by the Palestinians. It's that simple. The partition plan of 1947 drew its lines around populations reflective of Arab and Jewish enclaves.

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Religious School begins on Tuesday, September 9th. Enjoy fun kick-off activities!

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HIGH HOLY DAY MEMORIES OF MY FATHER



MANNY BAKER, President

Whenever the High Holy Days roll around, they invariably bring back memories of my father. He was a jack-of-all-trades when it came to the Jewish religion: rabbi, cantor, Torah reader, Hebrew teacher, mashgiach, shochet – you name it, he did it. He had a congregation in a little town in western Pennsylvania: Jeannette, PA. It had a population of only about 16,000 people, but a surprisingly large number of Jews. It was large enough to hire a

rabbi and to raise the funds to buy and renovate a building to make it into a shul.

Most of my memories of the holidays from that period of time are hazy, since we moved back to Orange, NJ, when I was 10. Most of the time, I played outside the shul with the other Jewish kids, but we would all run in to listen to my father blow the shofar. The shofar blasts had some mystical feeling for me. One year, my father formed a small choir to support him for the holidays: my brother Hy, Mr. Sam Bloom, my friend Mile Bleiberg, and me.

We practiced all summer for the holidays, and I think we did fairly well. I still remember some of the melodies today.

My strongest memories are from the time we moved back to Orange (where I was born). My father decided to give up his pulpit and went to work as a full-time shochet in a chicken market in Orange. He supplemented his salary by hiring himself out as a cantor and Torah reader for the High Holy Days for some of the local congregations in northern New Jersey that didn't have full-time clergy. Since his eyesight was very poor and I was the youngest, I was selected to accompany my father on these trips. Even though I made new friends in these towns, I sat in shul for the entire service. There are two prayers that made the greatest impression on me: Hineni and Unetaneh Tokef. I can still see him walking slowly toward the bimah chanting the Hineni, wearing his white kittel and high white yarmulke. He was from the old school of cantors (they had that characteristic kvetch in their voice as they dovened), and when he reached the words "nirash v'nifchad" (overcome by awe and trembling), it was impossible not to feel the solemnity of the moment and the seriousness he felt for his role, pleading for forgiveness for the congregation. His Unetaneh Tokef was equally as moving. These two prayers are burned indelibly into my memory, as are my memories of my father.

ROPE & HARNESS – PRAYER & MUSIC



CANTOR SAMUEL COHEN

The Jewish New Year is upon us once again, the time of year where we gather as a community and pray, looking inwards individually and as a community. What is prayer? Why do we pray? How is it enhanced by music?

I recently had the opportunity to visit Camp Ramah in Ojai California, where I spent the day walking around and meeting Jewish kids as they had a great

time together in a fun Jewish environment. Even though there were over 600 kids on the grounds, I managed to bump into a few of our KM kids who were really enjoying themselves. Amongst the multitude of great activities is this unique, large, and extremely high ropes course. When I arrived at the rope course there was already an Adah (bunk) on the course on the first level, 100 feet off the ground. I asked if I could join the kids and the counselor said sure, so I did. I was put into a harness and climbed to the first level, where I joined the Adah and jumped from platform to platform to wire walkway while holding hands before making it to safety.

Back on the ground with our feet firmly planted, the rope course instructors (who happened to be Israelis) sat us all down under a tent to debrief the shared experience to see if, aside from the great fun, we could learn any life lessons from the climb. The teenagers were about 14 or 15 and here are some of the things that they shared:

- 1) We need team work for all of us to complete the course
- 2) I had to conquer my fear
- 3) Staying calm in precarious moments helps to complete the mission

4) One child said "I prayed- I even said the Sh'ma".

We made many more observations and it got me thinking how I, as a cantor, can relate to this ropes course and what messages I could learn from it (including all the great observations the teens made, of course).

There is a famous Hassidic lesson about the connection we, as Jewish people, have with God and how it is comparable to a rope. On one end, there is God holding on to the top of the rope and, on the other end, we are dangling in our harnesses. On the High Holy Days, our lives hang before God and we use prayer to strengthen our connection with Him in the same way the child prayed and said the Sh'ma when she was afraid on the ropes course. Communicating with God through prayer reminds Him that we are on the other end of the rope while reassuring us that we are in good hands. It reassures us that God is supporting us and will continue to do so throughout the coming year. Music is like our harness, the conduit that keeps us safe and secure. The melodies have been passed down from generation to generation, L'dor V'dor. As a community and as individuals we sing our prayers to confirm and strengthen that bond we have with our Father in heaven.

May this coming year be a year of:

- 1) team work
- 2) conquering our fears
- 3) calm and peace
- 4) answered prayers.

May it also be full of joy, health, and happiness and "harnessed" in with music.



At our "Havdalah in Rhythm" beach bonfire.

»"RABBI MICHAEL GOTLIEB " ctd. from cover

When the United Nations declared Israel a free and united Jewish homeland on May 14th, 1948, Israel's Arab neighbors immediately attacked her. At the time, there were no Palestinian refugees; there was no West Bank or Gaza Strip. There was only unadulterated hatred foisted upon the newly born Jewish homeland. The hatred for the Jew in the region preceded Israel's creation and it has continued ever since.

4) A historical perspective: In 1967 Jordan attacked Israel in an all-out war. Israel prevailed and, in the course of its own self-defense, acquired the West Bank and all of Jerusalem. Had the war not occurred, there would be no Palestinian refugee issue to the extent that it has continued to exist up until today. But understand further, in years 2000 and 2008, Israel had offered to return nearly all of the West Bank to the Palestinians in exchange for peace. Israel's overture for peace was rejected both times.

In future editions of the Voice, I will touch on other basic issues as they relate to the BDS movement, Egypt, Gaza, Iran, Jordan, Syria, the West Bank, and Zionism, along with my own feelings on the Jewish settlers' movement.

Until then, let's pray for Israel as she struggles to reign in Hamas and other evil groups who wish to destroy her. Let's pray for the protection of innocent people living on both sides of the border. Let's pray for Israel's goodness, vitality and importance in a world that is immeasurably enriched by her existence. Above all: Let's pray for peace.

CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

SUSIE YURE', Membership Committee

As summer comes to a close, KM provides opportunities to meet and reacquaint with current and prospective members. One of these events took place two weeks ago at "Music, Membership and More." If you were unable to attend, the photos reveal the high energy of the day including live music, yummy noshes, adult schmoozing and children engaged in activities. It was literally and figuratively a "hot" event!

Get a "Faith Lift" on Friday night, September 5th, as we usher in Shabbat with a transformative, energetic and interactive musical service. We hope you can stay for dinner after services - RSVP required. It's a spirited evening that appeals to all ages!

How does Yom Kippur help us smooth out and soften the wrinkled, rough edges of our souls? Find out at our Shabbat in "3D" on Saturday, September 13th. Our service is shortened to engage in a discussion about "Spiritual Botox" led by Rabbi Gottlieb. Join us for a shot of inspiration in preparation for the High Holy Days!

Please invite friends and family to experience our community. Joining Kehillat Ma'arav provides built-in "mishpucha," a family of caring people. Just ask those who regularly attend Shabbat services on Friday nights or Saturday mornings. People linger, talk and build meaningful friendships. Families connect through their children, adults bond through activities and shared experiences. Make a vow this year to get more involved, not only to take advantage of what we offer, but for you to further enrich our community with your ideas, experience and presence.



YOUTH DIRECTOR & EVENT COORDINATOR



CINDY ROTH

Youth Events

It has seemed like a long summer away from our youth group! Save the date for our first Kadima activity this fall: hula hooping with "Hoopnotica" on Sunday, September 14th after Religious School. Most Kadima programs happen on the second Sunday of the month with an

occasional Saturday evening event as we join the region and other chapters on field trips such as "Into the Night", Laser Tag, Dave and Busters and Pump it Up! We get there any way we can--carpools, walking, and sometimes even by bus!

You do not have to be a member of Kehillat Ma'arav to join us on our youth group programs. All Jewish friends are welcome to participate and share the fun and join as a Kadimanich or a USYer, depending on age. The cost for membership in Kadima (Grades 4-6) is \$85 and USY (Grades 7-12) is \$110. If you are enrolled in our Religious School, your dues have already been paid. We will continue to serve the Jewish community with our SATO (Social Action Tikkun Olam) program as well as Kadima and USY provided Shabbaton and Kinnusim weekends.

There will be field trips, lounge nights, and opportunities to hang out and meet new Jewish friends. Our youth program will continue to offer social opportunities separate from Religious School curriculum requirements. Please feel free to contact Youth Director Cindy Roth with any questions at cdrxla@aol.com.

NextGen

It's so great to have a "Summer Shabbat" because the days are long and the sun sets late! We are thankful to our hosts, Gwenie and Ari Felczer, for hosting our Shabbat Potluck at their Los Feliz home. Despite the traffic, twenty-five young professionals, both married and single, mingled and enjoyed a Shabbat Potluck together. No one left hungry and after the blessings, including a prayer for peace, we enjoyed the sunset from the verdana and many new friendships were formed. It truly was a Shalom Bayit, a "peaceful home". We're looking forward to more events like these in our Next Gen future! Won't you join us?

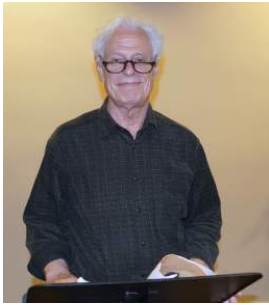
On Leil Rosh Hashanah, NextGen is hosting an Appletini Mixer. The entire community is welcome to enjoy appletinis and good company as we usher in the new year together. Join us at the Olympic Collection immediately following services on September 24th. Please RSVP to Cindy Roth at cdrxla@aol.com or by calling 310-829-0566.

MEN'S CLUB EVENTS

STEPHEN SHAPIRO
Men's Club President

THIS SUMMER:

Recently, the KM Men's Club proudly presented a dramaturge (a staged reading) of "Harry & Eddie: The Birth of Israel." Nationally acclaimed actor Arnold Weiss brought the story of the creation of the State of Israel to life while playing both President Harry Truman and haberdasher Eddie Jacobson. This outstanding performance, which has been seen all over the US and in Israel, was concluded with a standing ovation from the enthusiastic audience (pictures below).



In August, the Men's Club screened the movie "Honor Diaries," a documentary produced by Ayaan Hirsi Ali, who risked her life to make this film. The movie lifts the veil of silence on honor violence against women and girls in male-dominated cultures like Saudi Arabia and others. Audience participation followed, with discussion with Rabbi Michael Gotlieb and Samira Tamer of the local Act for America organization, devoted to exposing the Islamic terrorism threat to America.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Our next interesting and informative event on Monday, Sept. 8th will be a showing of the movie "The Lady in Number 6: Music Saved My Life" followed by a discussion with Hilary Helstein, Director of *As Seen Through These Eyes*, and KM Member Matthew Maibaum. This event is open to the entire community, \$5 suggested donation. Refreshments will be provided.

RSVP for events at the KM Synagogue Office: 310-829-0566.

OUR WHEELS ARE SPINNING!

This summer as one of our dinner dance events, KM congregants, led by our Executive Director and avid cyclist Kathie Rose, rode their bikes from Marina Del Rey to Martha's Café in Hermosa Beach, over 20 miles! We enjoyed each other's company and delicious food, brunch among the beach beauties from the South Bay as our bikes lined up perfectly. We stopped to enjoy the view at the Manhattan Beach Pier and rode off our breakfast with a leisurely ride home as we savored the great outdoors. We had a great time on a beautiful day! Thank you to all who participated in this event and supported KM by joining us.

See pictures from another great auction event, Sandy and Loana's Italian Feast, on page 5.



Michael Belman, Robert Bernstein, Jenny Krischer, Sharon Krischer, and Marc Yure' taking a biking break.

AUCTION EVENTS!

We still have a few spaces left for the following upcoming events. To sign up or for details, call the KM office. All prices are per person.

- BBQ Extravaganza at Kasa Krischer**
September 21st, 5:00pm \$100
- 20th Anniversary Season Opener of the New West Symphony**
October 19th, 4:00pm \$36
- Swing Dance Lesson**
October 26th, 7:00pm \$25
- Private Skirball Tour**
November 2nd, 11:30am \$36
- Premium Wine Tasting**
November 9th, 4:00pm \$36
- Decorate with Hebrew Calligraphy**
November 13th, 6:00pm \$50

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EARLY CHILDHOOD & ARTS PROGRAMS



MASHA SAVITZ
Head of Early Childhood and Arts Programs

In the last few months, KM has been buzzing with our new PJ Library program, presented in conjunction with the Jewish Federation. This interactive program, open to the entire community, members and non-members alike, has given us the opportunity to host many new families at our synagogue for a warm and joyful Shabbat experience. Together, we have been

chanting blessings, exploring Jewish-themed books and stories with related art projects, and singing songs perfectly appropriate for preschool-aged children. Our monthly event concludes with a casual dinner and has been bursting with energy and enthusiasm.

As Head of Early Childhood and Arts Programs, I have spent the summer preparing fall offerings for parents and our youngest community members. These programs include "Parent and Me" for children 12-24 months, a bi-weekly interim preschool for 2-year olds, "KM Kids," for 3-4 year olds, PJ Library, Tot Shabbat, and the K-1 Religious School class. Additionally, as with many of our holiday celebrations, we will be providing childcare and educational programs for the High Holy Days.

I am very much looking forward to creating meaningful memories and joyful moments for you and your children this coming year.



Sandy and Loana's Italian Feast, one of our many successful auction events. See page 4 for a list of events that are still open.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UPDATE



SHARONE WEIZMAN
Director of Education

Bruchim Habaim! I had a tremendous time in Israel at the Mofet Institute in Tel Aviv; designed for educators and communal leaders from across the globe to study and learn together while visiting sites and traveling throughout the land. During my time in Israel, Operation Protective Edge broke out. Once again, I found myself in Israel with alarms going off and having to

go into bomb shelters. I was also living in Israel for a year during the Gulf War and then again visiting in 2009 during Operation Cast Lead. I always feel truly blessed to be in Israel during times of peace as well as tense times. It is so important for us as Jewish Americans and ambassadors for Israel to show our solidarity with the Israelis during both good and bad times. During the incursion, our learning tour continued and our itinerary never altered. The program was sensational and I'm looking forward to sharing my adventures with our KM family.

The Hebrew month of Elul is meant to be a spiritual awakening and brings a sense of reflection and new beginnings; the beginning of the Jewish New Year and the beginning of the School 'New Year'. Our Jewish tradition offers us an opportunity to seize a fresh start, a reason to look forward. Our school is also approaching a time of new beginnings and fresh starts. This coming year we are excited to welcome our new team of teachers, bringing years of experience, passion and a love for Jewish teaching. I plan on devoting myself to our educational team, students and families, promising a year of meaningful Jewish learning, excitement and new beginnings.

With Tishrei and the High Holy Days quickly approaching we are filled with feelings of wonder. During the High Holy Days, these days of introspection are referred to as the Days of Awe or Yamim Noraim. Likewise, our students are anticipating their first days of school; they too are filled with feelings of awe, excited yet apprehensive. We understand this, and that you have chosen Kehillat Ma'arav to be the place where your children learn Jewish values and Torah. We take your trust in us very seriously and acknowledge our responsibility to ensure that Religious School is a safe and inviting place filled with positive experiences.

This year our students and families will engage in family holiday programs, Shabbat services, Shabbat dinners, and family Shabbat B'Yachad programs. These informal educational experiences engage the entire family in lifelong learning. It is as partners that we will continue to be successful in instilling a love of Judaism for our children in 5775! Shanah Tovah U'metukah!

Important dates:

Sept. 9	First Tuesday of Religious School at 3:45pm
Sept. 14	First Sunday of Religious School & Parent Orientation at 9:00am
Sept. 24	Rosh Hashanah Children Programming
Sept. 25 & 26	Rosh Hashanah Children and Teen Programming
Oct. 4th	Yom Kippur Children and Teen Programming

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

DENNIS GURA, Ritual Committee

I write this on July 17, the 19th of Tammuz.

It is my uncle's 70th yahrzeit; he fell in France, a 19 year old private in the US infantry. Another army now, today, marches into Gaza, to stop a dangerous bombardment. Jews again in danger, Jews again at risk.

There will be too many casualties—one will be too many—as the Israeli Army enters Gaza, to stop the incessant rocket fire, aimed only at civilians, aimed to terrorize civilians.

Today, too many are in harm's way: Palestinians, Israelis, civilians, military. As I write, none of us know the turn of events: when you read, we all hope and pray, the country, and the area, will, at the least, be calm. And, with luck and by God's will, perhaps there can be a turn to peace.


But not without risk, and not without a strong, determined and focused military. We are blessed to be in the United States will stand with Israel, will support Israel in many different ways. And

our prayers and blessings will be part of our holy arsenal, in defense of a liberal, democratic, Jewish state. From R. Jonathan Sack's Siddur:

"May He who blessed our fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, bless the State of Israel, its leaders and advisors in the land which He swore unto our fathers to give us. Put into their hearts the love and fear of You to uphold it with justice and righteousness, and may we be worthy in our days to witness the fulfillment of the words of Your servants, the prophets: "For out of Zion shall go forth the Law and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem". Heavenly Father: Remember the Israel Defense Forces, guardians of our Holy Land. Protect them from all distress and anguish, and send blessings and success to all the work of their hands. Grant peace in Your Holy Land and everlasting happiness to all its inhabitants, so that Jacob shall again have peace and tranquility, with none to make him afraid. Spread the tabernacle of Your peace over all the dwellers on earth. May this be Your will, and let us say, Amen."

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MAZEL TOV!

Brian and Eileen Cohen on the birth of their grandson, son of Colette (Cohen) and Michael Shore, born on Wednesday, August 6.

Jami and Alan Castel on the birth of their son, Theodore (Theo), born on Wednesday, July 30.

Halina and Alan Alter on the birth of their granddaughters, Matilda Violet (Mattie) and Cassandra Dahlia (Cassie), daughters of Valerie Alter and Adam Gross, born on Friday, July 25.

Nicole and Matthew Colchamiro on the birth of their daughter, Millie, born on Tuesday, July 22.

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father of Alan Sperling by Alan & Susan Sperling
- **I. DAVID SHEPLOW**
father of Bernice Stein by Bernice & Nathaniel Stein
- **LOUIS STEIN**
father of Nathaniel Stein, by Nathaniel & Bernice Stein
- **EDNA L. TAMAROFF**
mother of Tammy Steinsapir by Tammy Steinsapir
- **HENRY BAUMRING**
grandfather of Holly Strom by Holly & Joel Strom
- **ABRAHAM EPSTEIN**
father of Shirley Strom by Shirley Strom
- **HILDA LOWENTHAL**
sister of Shirley Strom & aunt of Joel Strom by Shirley Strom Joel & Holly Strom
- **FLORENCE JACOBSON**
sister of Shirley Strom by Shirley Strom
- **AARON NACH**
father of Rachel Toooh by Rachel Toooh
- **LOUIS TURETSKY**
father of Carol Turetsky by Carol Turetsky
- **FRIEDA MOLBERGER**
mother of Cookie Valente by Cookie Valente
- **ADAM GOLDSTEIN**, nephew of Shelly & Tom Vedres by Shelly & Tom Vedres
- **HARRY WEINSTEIN**
uncle of Shelly Vedres by Shelly & Tom Vedres
- **NANCY STALMASTER**
friend of Shelly Vedre by Shelly & Tom Vedres
- **SELMA WEINSTEIN HALPREN**
aunt of Shelly Vedres by Shelly & Tom Vedres
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father of Linda Zwang-Weissman by Linda & Barry Zwang-Weissman

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A Donation by

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- **RAZIT BRUTON**
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In honor of

- **MY BIRTHDAY ALIYAH**
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In Memory of

- **ABRAHAM SCHECHTER**
father of Minda Salberg & Robert Schechter by Minda Salberg & Robert Schechter
- **EVA KAMION**
aunt of Matthew Maibaum by Matthew Maibaum
- **SYLVIA MAIBAUM**
mother of Matthew Maibaum by Matthew Maibaum

Thank You to

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with deep appreciation for your comfort & support by Gary & Laurie Samson

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- David Oberman
- Sasha Shteyn

In Appreciation of

- **CANTOR SAMUEL COHEN** for his empathy & kindness by Fay & Neville Pimstone

Thank You to

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with deep appreciation for your comfort & support by Gary & Laurie Samson
- **CANTOR SAMUEL COHEN**
for your kindness & support by Beverly Schwartz

OUR CONDOLENCES

Sharen Olken on the passing of her mother, Blanche Smith, on Sunday, August 17.

Gary and Laurie Samson on the passing of Gary's mother, Mildred (Milli) Samson, on Tuesday, June 17.

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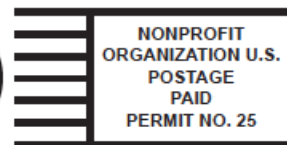
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SHABBAT SERVICE & DINNER

Fri. September 5
 6:30pm

Interactive services
 Catered dinner
 Activities for kids
 Call to RSVP

SHABBAT IN 3D *Daven, Drash & Dine*

Sat. September 13
 9:30am

“Spiritual Botox”
 with Rabbi Michael Gotlieb

HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES

SUKKOT & SIMCHAT TORAH

Thurs. & Fri. Oct. 9 & 10
SUKKOT SERVICES

Thurs. Oct. 16
SHIMINI ATZERET & YIZKOR

Thurs. Oct. 16
SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION

Fri. Oct. 17
SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICES

Sat. Sept. 20, 8:30pm
SELICHOT at *Mishkon Tephilo*

Wed. SEPT. 24, 7:00pm
EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Thurs. & Fri. Sept. 25/26, 9:00am
ROSH HASHANAH

Fri. Oct. 3, 6:30pm
KOL NIDRE

Sat. Oct. 4, 9:00am
YOM KIPPUR & YIZKOR

Sat. Oct. 4, following services
BREAK FAST WITH KM

all HHD services at the Olympic Collection

Please call (310) 829-0566 for tickets and information

Upcoming Events at Kehillat Ma'arav

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Friday
SEPTEMBER

5

6:30pm

SHABBAT SERVICES & OPEN HOUSE DINNER

We're hosting membership Shabbat Services and Dinner on Friday, September 5th! Share a catered dinner and participate in interactive services as we welcome Shabbat. There will be plenty of singing as well as activities for kids. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for dinner, services, and our monthly PJ library for preschool aged children from 5:00pm-6:00pm, before services.

Saturday
SEPTEMBER

13

9:30am

SHABBAT IN "3D"

Daven, Drash, and Dine with Rabbi Gotlieb on Saturday, September 13th as we discuss "Spiritual Botox: Smoothing out the Wrinkles in Our Soul" in preparation for the High Holy Days. Join us for services, lunch, engaging discussion, and kid-friendly programs. Shabbat in "3D" is unique to KM, so bring your friends to share in the discussion and enjoy a Shabbat morning with our community.

Wednesday
SEPTEMBER

24

following
services

COMMUNITY APPLETINI MIXER

NextGen is hosting an Appletini Mixer open to the entire community. Enjoy appletinis and good company as we usher in the new year together. Join us at the Olympic Collection immediately following Leil Rosh Hashanah services. Please RSVP to Cindy Roth at cdrxla@aol.com or by calling 310-829-0566.

Saturday
October

4

following
services

BREAK FAST WITH OUR COMMUNITY

This year, we're breaking the fast together. Join your KM community at the Olympic Collection immediately following services on Yom Kippur for a delicious meal, and wonderful company as we usher in the new year together.

Cost: \$25 per person, please RSVP using the enclosed form.

Tuesday
NOVEMBER

11

through

Tuesday
NOVEMBER

18

KM SOLIDARITY MISSION TO ISRAEL

CONFIRMED DATES for our solidarity mission are November 11-18. We'll spend 5 nights in Jerusalem and our tentative itinerary so far is to visit an Iron Dome battery, deliver gifts to lone soldiers, tour around the Old City, and more. If you are interested in joining us on this mission, please contact Rabbi Gotlieb or Kathie Rose in the next week as we need to secure airfare before the price increases.

Yallah Yallah! (Let's go, LET'S GO!)

SEPTEMBER 2014

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Kehillat Ma'arav Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 AUGUST	1 LABOR DAY Office Closed	2	3	4	5	6 9:30am Services 11:00am Shabbat Club & Tot Shabbat
7	8 7:00pm Men's Club Event	9 First Day RS 3:45pm (RS) 2nd-7th 4:00pm RS K-1	10 7:00pm Men's Club Event 7:15pm KM Choir	11 12:00pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi Gotlieb 7:00pm JNET	12 5:00pm PJ Library 6:30pm Shabbat Services & Dinner 6:57pm Candle Lighting	13 9:30am Shabbat in 3D Open House 11:00am Shabbat Club & Tot Shabbat
14 9:00am RS and Parent Orientation 12:30pm Kadima Event 12:00pm Board Retreat	15	16 3:45pm (RS) 2nd-7th 4:00pm RS K-1	17 6:00pm Exec. Comm. Mtg. 7:15pm KM Choir 7:30pm Board of Trustees Mtg.	18 12:00pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi Gotlieb	19 6:38pm Candle Lighting	20 9:30am Services 11:00am Shabbat Club & Tot Shabbat 8:30pm Slichot Services
21	22	23 3:45pm (RS) 2nd-7th 4:00pm RS K-1	24 6:00pm Leil Rosh Hashanah Services Appletini Mixer	25 9:00am Services ROSH HASHANAH Office Closed	26 9:00am Services ROSH HASHANAH Office Closed 6:28pm Candle Lighting	27 9:30am Services 11:00am Shabbat Club & Tot Shabbat
28	29	30 3:45pm (RS) 2nd-7th 4:00pm RS K-1		Tot Shabbat Energetic, musical services for kids	Shabbat Club Fun & interactive Shabbat services for kids grades 2-6	PJ Library Books, crafts, and dinner for preschool-aged kids on the 1st Friday of every month.

Happy Birthday!

(18 & Younger)
Adam Amster
Naomi Amster
Zachary Amster
Eden Castel
Aaron Irving Dunn
Samuel Zev Ganezer
Jason Adam Lewin
Jade Obando Negrin
Gabriel Salazar
Jacob Schmalz

Happy Anniversary!

Howard & Elaine Behnken
19th Anniversary
Michael & Lorna Belman
49th Anniversary
Bill & Miriam Cohen
48th Anniversary
Matthew & Nicole Colchamiro
2nd Anniversary
Sam & Sharona Daghighian
14th Anniversary

Joshua & Sumena Dunn
14th Anniversary
Louis & Joyce Gottlieb
32nd Anniversary
Norman & Joan Karchem
57th Anniversary
Elyse Singer & Brad Manning
31st Anniversary
Sherwin & Elaine Olken
51st Anniversary

Gary & Laurie Samson
41st Anniversary
Robert Schechter
& Elisabeth Klock Schechter
22nd Anniversary
Eric & Sharon Steiglitz
14th Anniversary
Bonnie Samotin Zev & Ari Zev
6th Anniversary